THE WEATHER.

Rain today and warmer; Sunday clear and colder; moderate southeast and south to northwest winds.

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THE SHOW GIRLS RECEIVE FREEDOM

Misses Graham and Conrad Get Verdict of Not Guilty.

SHOT MILLIONAIRE STOKES

One of Girls Goes Into Hysterics When Verdict Is Announced—Case Has Consumed Much Time. The Shooting.

New York, Dec. 15.—The verdict of "not guilty" was returned late today freeing Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad of criminal charges on which they had been held since last June for shooting the millionaire sportsman and hotel proprietor, W. E. D. Stokes. The jury reached its verdict in slightly less than an hour's deliberation—58 minutes, to be exact.

The shooting "show girls" were tried on an indictment of three counts, the first charging an attempt to murder Stokes. Of consideration to this count, however, the jurors were relieved by Justice Marcus, at the request of the district attorney. The court restricted the jury to the second and third counts, which charged respectively assault in the first degree, with intent to kill, and in the second degree with intent to do bodily injury.

While the jury was deliberating the two defendants were held prisoners in an adjoining room. Waiting was obviously a severe ordeal for both. When summoned to hear the verdict Miss Graham appeared completely unstrung and was assisted into the court room, trembling in every limb. The more spirited Miss Conrad came unassisted, but she seemed highly nervous.

When the foreman announced the words "not guilty," Miss Conrad cried "Thank God," and went into violent hysterics. She sank to the counsel table, then jumped up again, shrieking and tearing her hair and throwing her arms about wildly. It was a surprise to the spectators, for Miss Conrad had kept much the better nerve of the two defendants throughout the trial. On the other hand, Miss Graham, who continually wept during the trial, and sobbed the more when she heard the verdict, recovered herself when she saw her companion so affected, and acted as the comforter to her young friend.

It was the first thought that Miss Conrad had misunderstood the verdict and her companion tried to assure her that they were free. "Oh, I know," she said. "Tell mother we are free. Tell her we are coming home."

The girl's hysteria continued for fully ten minutes before friends succeeded in quieting her.

She recovered as suddenly as she was attacked, and with Miss Graham on her arm, issued from the court room to be greeted with cheers by a large crowd gathered outside. Many persons stepped forward to shake their hands. They stepped into a taxicab and were whirled away to dinner.

The jury arrived at its verdict after taking four ballots. On three of them the jurymen voted each time 11 to 1, for acquittal, the one man dissenting being in favor of a conviction on second degree assault. The spectators who crowded the court room did not appear to be greatly surprised. No one was present representing Stokes except counsel. His young wife, who had been in the court room most of the day, decided not to await the outcome. It was said at the hotel Ansonia some hours later that the verdict had not been announced to Stokes up to that time. He was said to be still dangerously ill, and in considerable pain following the recent operation for the removal of an abscess on his kidney.

The summing up argument, which Assistant District Attorney Buckner made against the girls was a dramatic feature of the late afternoon session of court. He flourished the revolvers with which the girls had shot Stokes and punctuated his recital of the shooting and his scorching denunciation of both Stokes and the girls by frequent snaps of the trigger.

"Law must be enforced to be ennobled, not be laughed at, giggled at, spat upon and danced upon and sung over on the vaudeville stage," were some of Mr. Buckner's words. He referred to the contention of counsel for the defense that Mr. Stokes could not be punished and that the girls had been punished enough.

"Perhaps it is no punishment," he said, "for a man with a six months bride and a 14-year-old son to have such things hawk about him in every village and hamlet as have been published in this State. And how have these girls been punished? While Stokes was nursing his wounds they hung his bloody trousers outside of a theatre and asked the public to deposit its money in the box office."

Judge Marcus, in his charge, cautioned the jurors not to let their emotions overrun their reason simply because the defendants were women.

Stokes was shot when he called at the apartment of the show girls on the night of June 7th. He said he had gone there at the invitation of Miss Conrad, with the expectation of getting letters he had written to Miss Graham and that when he got there, the girls laid before him a demand for money, with a flourish of revolvers and a threat to shoot. The girls declared that Stokes attacked them, and that he seized the revolvers long enough to fire two shots and they shot also, several bullets taking effect in the millionaire's legs.

...LS GETTING DETAILS

Others ...leged in Connection With ...wo Explosions—Many Witnesses From Different Parts of Country

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 15.—Government officials who are co-operating with District Attorney Miller in conducting the investigation of the dynamite conspiracy before the Federal grand jury, learned from two sources today the details of explosions in which it is alleged others than the McNamaras were implicated.

W. E. Griffin, chief of police of Kansas City, Mo., who had knowledge of five explosions in Kansas City, was questioned about certain facts which it is said had never been revealed. These explosions, all directed against structures erected by firms employing non-union men, occurred from 1908 to 1910. As not more than two of them were confessedly the work of Ortie McManigal, Chief Griffin's information was sifted to ascertain who else might have destroyed the property.

Much important testimony bearing on the records taken from the headquarters of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron workers was also obtained from Miss Mary Dye, who went before the grand jury. Until several years ago, Miss Dyne, now of Pittsburg, was confidential secretary in the worker's headquarters and as such had to be with the correspondence of J. J. McNamara, the secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Andrew J. Hull, the Iron Workers' former book-keeper, also visited the Federal building. Many hotel clerks from various parts of the country have been subpoenaed to tell what they knew of the movements of McManigal while he was on his dynamiting expeditions. The hotel men are to be questioned chiefly to corroborate McManigal's confession wherein he related visits to certain towns with a suit case filled with dynamite or nitroglycerine.

It was estimated that the Iron Workers' officials were not opposing the present government efforts to expose all implicated in the dynamiting, the fact being pointed to that, H. S. Hockin, acting secretary of the association, again conferred with District Attorney Miller. It was while Hockin was absent that several wagon loads of papers recently were taken from the headquarters. Hockin refused to say whether they were taken with his consent. About thirty thousand papers are to be digested for the benefit of the grand jury.

Californians Probably Indicted.

Los Angeles, Dec. 15.—A little package of indictmen... numbering perhaps four, probably will be returned here next Tuesday or Wednesday against men living in California and suspected of complicity in nation-wide dynamite plots. This will end the Western section of the government's investigation and will transfer the scene of all activities to Indianapolis, where another grand jury is in session.

A canvas and leather case, ten inches square and as tall as a small ice cream freezer, was shown the jury today. This case and others like it are said to have been used in carrying about the country dynamite needed for various "jobs."

It was such a case that Ortie E. McManigal carried when, according to his own statement, he came west to blow up the Llewellyn Iron Works. McManigal was so accustomed to its presence that he gave it to a porter, giving him also a dollar to take care of it.

MAKES DUTY GOOD

Woman Who Bought Untaxed Goods From Peddlar Pays Uncle Sam

New York, Dec. 15.—Uncle Sam's conscience fund was enriched by $3.70 today, received through the mails by Collector Loeb from a woman who probably never owed the government a cent but was herself victimized through an unscrupulous dealer.

"I believe this to be more than the amount of duty on 37 yards of Irish linen purchased of a wandering Italian peddler at fifty cents a yard," she wrote. "He was able to do this, he stated, because he had not had to pay any duty and for other reasons. I realize now as I had done before, how wrong this was and take this means of doing what I can to make amends."

The collector said that the Italian peddler mentioned in the letter probably resorted to an old trick to make his wares appear to be of high value and that the woman probably bought linen of little worth.

SERIOUS TRAIN WRECK

Four Men Seriously Injured When Pasenger and Freight Collide

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Four men were seriously injured in a collision between a local passenger train and a freight on the Pennsylvania Railroad fifteen miles south of Buffalo tonight. They are W. H. Cowell, engineer; E. H. Richardson, fireman; O. H. Sadden, baggagemaster, and P. H. Slaughter, formerly of Richmond, Va., chief clerk to Superintendent Beale, of the Buffalo division.

Mr. Slaughter was for a number of years chief clerk to the superintendent of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway in Richmond.

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THREE ARE HELD FOR THE MURDER

Negro Confesses to Murder of Young Cleveland County Couple.

CITIZENS THREATEN LYNCHING

The Three Negroes Committed to Charlotte Jail for Safety.—Governor Will Call Special Term of Court.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 15.—Charged with the murder of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon, a prominent and wealthy young couple of Cleveland county, Wednesday morning, John and Hack Ross, brothers, and Will Ross, their cousin, negroes, were formally committed by the coroner's jury today, and tonight were hurried to jail here to prevent lynching, which has been imminent all day.

Hundreds of quiet, but determined farmers, flocked to Shelby, the county seat, this morning, to attend the inquest. After some delay it became whispered around that the hearing had been postponed and the impatient citizens began to wend their way toward the jail. Realizing the gravity of the situation the sheriff rang the court house bell and the crowd retraced its steps. There Judge Webb, the solicitor of the district and others harangued them, pleading for law and order. The coroner, who had been conducting a star chamber inquest, then appeared and read the report of his jury, assuring the spectators that the right men were in custody and would have speedy trials.

Governor Kitchin had been apprised of the seriousness of the situation and this afternoon wired the county authorities to remove the prisoners to Charlotte, stating also that he would call a special term of Cleveland court to try them. The negroes were spirited away under cover of dusk and landed in jail here tonight.

The murder of the Dixons was one of the most atrocious in the State's annals. Mr. Dixon was called from his bed Wednesday night and knocked in the head with an axe, and with the same weapon the murderers slew his wife who lay asleep by the side of her tiny infant. One of the negroes has made a confession to the sheriff, giving as the motive for the double crime the fact that Dixon held a mortgage on his mule. Dixon was 30 and his wife 23 years of age.

ADDRESSES REPUBLICAN CLUB.

Secretary Stimson Says Public Interest Must Dominate Business.

New York, Dec. 15.—The interest of the public must dominate business, according to the conclusions reached by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, in an address before the Republican Club of New York City here tonight. A few years ago some of the large capitalists, the speaker said, "expected business peace through the submission of the people," but, he continued enigmatically, "they realize now they can only get it through submission to the people."

The Republican Club gave the dinner at which Secretary Stimson was present in his honor and many of the speeches were in tribute to him as a "credit to the administration, to the Nation and to the Republican party."

Otto N. Bannerman, president of the club, toasted President Taft as the "greatest jurist of them all, none more honest, and none more sincere."

John W. Griggs, former attorney general of the United States, paid high tribute to President Taft as well as to his Secretary of War. He urged that "defenders of the country should lift up their voices courageously for the re-nomination and re-election of Taft."

Charles D. Norton, formerly secretary to the President; Gen. Theodore A. Bingham, United States Senator Simon Guggenheim, former Governor Franklin Murphy, of New Jersey; Gen. Francis N. Green and Francis Hendricks were other speakers.

ON BANKRUPTCY CHARGE.

Prisoner Taken From Prison to Testify in Own Behalf.

New York, Dec. 15.—Stella Lewis, the 18-year-old stenographer, who became Mrs. Christopher Columbus Wilson the day that the then president of the United Wireless Company was indicted for using the mails to defraud, was a witness today in bankruptcy proceedings instituted to find out if Wilson has concealed any of the $1,500,000 he was credited with having obtained from the sale of the United Wireless stock. Wilson himself is to be brought here from the Atlanta penitentiary to testify.

Mrs. Wilson, although subjected to a lengthy examination, failed to furnish much information as to whether her husband has any assets that a receiver in bankruptcy could conveniently get hold of.

"I don't believe he has any money at all; in fact, I know he hasn't," was her emphatic declaration towards the close of her examination. The furnishings of her house, she said, were given her by Wilson and she believed they were worth $4,000. She said she had seen her husband every two weeks at the Atlanta prison, but that he had never made a confidant of her.

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CHINESE TROUBLE CONTINUES

Fighting Still Going On---Commander Angered—Quiet Reigns in Parts --Demand Abdication of Manchu Emperor

Peking, China, Dec. 15.—Fighting continues in the vicinity of Shih Kai Chwang. The commander of the Imperial troops recently asked the government to send him $300,000 with which to pay the troops. He received a reply promising him $10,000. The money was not forwarded, however, and as discontent among his troops was spreading the commander seized the opportunity to break the armistice which was in effect and to take his men into action and keep them engaged until the funds with which to pay them arrive.

Elsewhere in the Empire all is reported quiet. Interest now seems centered in the approaching peace conference which will be held at Shanghai on the arrival there of Tang Shao Yi, the representative of Yuan Shi Kai.

Revolutionists Give Instructions

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Immediate abdication of the Manchu Emperor and recognition of the republic or renewal of hostilities, were the instructions sent by General Li Yuen Heng, commander in chief of the Revolutionary forces, to the Republican representatives at the Shanghai peace conference, according to dispatches received here today.

General Li, now at Wu Chang, is reported as having declared that the Revolutionary army is now in position to enforce the republic's terms.

The republic's representative was further informed, the advices state, that banishment of the Manchu nobles to the Hot river in Manchuria must be insisted upon.

General Li also stated that with the exception of the recognition of the monarchy, as asked by Tang Shao Yai, the proposals of the Imperialists as to constitutional and other reforms, were satisfactory to the revolutionary leaders.

COMPULSORY INSURANCE.

Against Sickness and Unemployment of Working Class in England.

London, Dec. 15.—The House of Lords today passed the National insurance bill providing for compulsory insurance against sickness and unemployment of the working classes through its third and final reading. The bill is now practically completed only requiring to pass through the formality of receiving the King's assent.

The National insurance bill for workers, which was finally adopted by the House of Lords today, was presented to Parliament for action by David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer. It is an adjunct to the already existing law providing old age pensions.

Through the operation of this enactment it is calculated that there will be about 9,200,000 men and 3,900,000 women who will be compelled to insure. Small deductions will be made weekly from their wages and their employers will be compelled to contribute a similar amount to which the State adds a further contribution, the three items forming the premium. The deductions from wages and the employers' contribution will be graduated according to the insured person's earnings.

The benefits derived under the scheme will be medical relief and a small sum for maintenance during illness, a life pension if permanently infirm and also an allowance in case of unemployment except when the idleness is a result of a strike.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Fears are entertained for the safety of the tug Albatros and her crew of eight from whom no tiding have been received since the vessel, leaking badly, left Cape Lookout Wednesday afternoon. A northeast gale which came up that evening increased the vessel's hazard. She had not passed into Cape Henry up to this evening and had not returned to Cape Lookout.

OUTLINES.

Government officials investigating the dynamiting conspiracies learned from two sources yesterday the details of explosions in which it is alleged that persons other than those arrested were connected with the plot. ——Early action on the Sulzer resolution before Congress for the abrogation of the Russian treaty was opposed by some of the Senators. They have an idea that estrangement with Russia may cause that country's alliance with Japan, and thus hinder Oriental trade with the United States—— The war trouble in China still continues and in some portions fighting is still going on.——The jury yesterday returned a verdict of not guilty in the trial of the two show girls, Misses Graham and Conrad, for shooting W. E. D. Stokes, the New York millionaire sportsman——The British government has excluded the Chicago meat packers from supplying the British army and navy with meats. The contracts amounted to more than $15,000,000 annually.

New York markets: Money on call steady, 3 1-2 to 4 1-4, ruling rate 4, closing bid 3 1-2, offered at 4 per cent. Spot cotton closed dull. Rosin firm. Turpentine quiet. Flour was firmly held with fair inquiry. Wheat, spot strong, No. 2 red 96 3-4 elevator export basis, and 98 1-2 f.o.b. afloat. Corn spot firm, export, new 70 f.o.b. afloat.

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ARREST MADE OF ANOTHER PRIVATE

The List of Accused for Government Explosions Increases.

MINISTER AND LADY INNOCENT

This is According to a Statement Made by Officer Investigating the Case—Explosions and Fires

Junction City, Kan., Dec. 15.—Trumpeter John Crile, of battery E., sixth field artillery, was arrested late today in connection with the dynamite explosions and fires at Fort Riley, which cost the government $1,000,000. Crile is the sixth soldier arrested since the investigation of the explosions became public, following Private Michael Quirk's confession that he caused the explosions at the instigation of Rev. Charles M. Brewer, ex-chaplain at the fort.

The arrest of Crile and the release of Mrs. Anna Jordan at Kansas City before Deputy United States Marshal U. E. Mead arrived there for her, were the developments in the case today. Commissioner Chase said he would have a warrant issued at once for Mrs. Jordan's arrest and would have it served through the United States marshal's office at Kansas City.

The few army officers who could be induced to talk privately of the explosions today declared that Fort Riley has been for nine months as near a state of terror as a well disciplined army post can get. Not only were there frequently incendiary fires, but the commanding officers of the post had received frequent letters threatening them with death and the fort with destruction.

Night and day since early last Spring Fort Riley has been under more than double guard, sentries have been posted constantly at the homes of the commissioned officers, and guards have spent each night in the cellers of these homes in order to frustrate possible plans to destroy the house by dynamite. It is estimated that the destruction wrought at the fort since last March has cost the government a million dollars. The biggest loss sustained was when the quartermaster's store house, apart from other buildings, was burned on the night of March 14th. The structure which cost approximately $250,000 was a total loss.

Another fire followed on March 20th in the cavalry building, but that structure was saved and the loss was small. On June 1st an attempt was made to burn a building containing soldiers. Mattresses soaked with kerosene were placed against the mess room door and set on fire. Early discovery of the flames saved the building and perhaps many lives. This fire started at 11 o'clock at night.

The government bridge across the Kaw river was dynamited on the night of June 24th. Care had been taken to explode the dynamite on that side of the river farthest away from the fort's water mains. It was necessary to tear away part of the bridge in order to save any of it.

No troops were in the fort when fire destroyed the troop A, stable and killed 27 horses on June 28th. The troops had been ordered out on a forced march.

Officers are firm in their belief that plotters planned to cut the fort off from water when they blew up a water main on the night of August 9th. The attempt was only partly successful. The fort was left without water one day.

Says Minister and Lady Innocent.

Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 15.—W. H. Mackay, deputy warden of the Federal penitentiary here, formerly United States marshal for Kansas, who investigated the explosions and fires at Fort Riley, in an interview tonight, declared neither Rev. Mr. Brewer nor Mrs. Anna Jordan were implicated in the crimes. Brewer, he said, was in Texas at the time and never returned to Junction City.

BICYCLERS STILL GOING.

Numerous Spectators Present to See Racers—Eleven Teams.

New York, Dec. 15.—There were just as many spectators in Madison Square Garden tonight as on any other night this week and from an attendance viewpoint this year's six day bicycle race will be a record breaker. Eleven teams were still in action. Thomas and Stein were officially declared out of the contest after 5 o'clock as Stein's physical condition was such that the management would not let him continue.

Sprints were frequent, but not very fruitful affairs. The best one was started by Fred Hall, but Drobach caught him after a chase which kept up several minutes. It was a costly effort for Lapiz, VanVonwaert and Georget Brocco teams, as each lost a lap.

Saldow, of the German team, sustained a fractured rib and painful lacerations on the left side in a bad fall yesterday, but this fact was not discovered until today. His partner, Lorenz, gave him all the rest he could, but Saldow insisted on doing a fair share of the work.

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PACKERS LOSE CONTRACTS

Chicago Packers Will No Longer Fill Large Contracts For Meat to the British Army and Navy —Contracts Large

London, Dec. 16.—Pending the settlement of the American government's suit against the indicted meat packers, the British government has decided to exclude these packers from tendering contracts for the supply of meat to the British army and navy.

The decision of the government is due to the opposition of labor and advanced radical members of parliament to the American trusts.

The contracts given out by the War Office which had hitherto been secured by American firms are now expected to go to Argina meat packers.

Contracts Were Large

Chicago, Dec. 15.—J. Ogden Armour, president of Armour & Company, tonight said that the contracts of the indicted meat packers with the British army estimated roughly, had amounted to between $15,000,000 and $20,000,000 annually.

Mr. Armour said he had no idea whether other countries contemplated action similar to that taken by England.

"During the Boer war and on one or more other occasions," he said, "the contracts of the American packers with England amounted to more than $20,000,000 annually if I remember correctly. These figures, however, are simply rough estimates, made on hand."

FOR CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Work of American Civic Association in Convention at Washington.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Civic, economic and social benefits were derived by Minneapolis from the "garden club campaign" carried on there during the past season for the purpose of having all the city's vacant lots turned into flower and vegetable beds, according to Leroy J. Boughner, of Minneapolis, who told the American Civic Association in convention here today of the "vacant lot garden" work done in his home city.

It was a matter of civic pride, not an economic motive, which early last Spring started the garden idea, Mr. Boughner explained. A civic celebration was to be held early in July, he said, "so we decided to have gardens to beautify the city for its hundred thousand visitors." The fact that there were 5,000 acres of vacant lots in the city, "sufficient to supply the entire State with vegetables," was not enough appeal to get the citizens of Minneapolis interested; but the appeal to their civic pride caused them to plant 2,000,000 square feet to vegetables and 250,000 to flowers, said the speaker.

Mr. Boughner held Minneapolis up as a model for other cities, pointing out in detail how the vacant lots there had been transformed into bowers of flower and vegetable beauty, and called attention to some of the mistakes which had been made. So successful was this year's Garden Club campaign, however, that it will be continued with renewed vigor, Mr. Boughner declared during the coming year.

"A garden is a bit of land where plants and people grow and love each other," said the speaker in describing the benefits of the work. First and foremost he placed the fact that "the use of vacant lots had satisfied the farm craze, had taught more than 700 men and women whether he desired to go back to the land. How better could a man find out that upon the small patch of land that lies next to his home?"

From an economic standpoint, Mr. Boughner declared that "so many vegetables were grown on the vacant lots of Minneapolis that tomatoes were plentiful at 75 cents a bushel whereas a year ago they were scarce and sold for $1.50 a bushel."

A third benefit he found in this, that "most of those who had gardens belonged to the office class whose opportunities for getting out in the fresh air are small." Traveling about, he said, he saw hundreds of "glowing faces" as a result of "hoeing and weeding and murdering out worms."

Again there was such a contrast this year, he declared, between the lots operated by the Garden Club and those which it had not touched that "the mayor has instructed the police during the season of 1912 to enforce the ordinance covering the cutting of weeds and removal of rubbish from vacant lots," which ordinance had fallen somewhat into disuse.

The excellent impression which visitors gain of a city, Mr. Boughner pointed out as a great advantage. The model vacant lot garden at the fair grounds, he said, was seen by 750,000 people.

In a social way the results were great, he asserted. As a concrete example of this he cited a garden in a block where lived two Jews, a Norwegian, two Germans and a New England family. Before the garden experiment none of the families had ever had anything in common, but before the Summer was over, said Mr. Boughner, "all the families were visiting freely. The gardens in many instances were social centers."

In telling of how the citizens were aroused to join the Garden Club, Mr. Boughner, who is its president and who was chairman of the garden committee of this year's "civic celebration," declared that various methods were used but that he found that "intelligent newspaper publicity alone will cover a city with gardens."

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SENATORS OPPOSE AN EARLY ACTION

Think Abrogation of Russian Treaty Would Injure Oriental Trade.

CHANGES MAY CAUSE DELAY

Changes in Sulzer Resolution Would Cause Its Going Back to House —Many Telegrams Have Been Received

Washington, Dec. 15.—Opposition to the Senate programme for immediate action on the Sulzer House resolution looking to the termination of the Russian treaty of 1832 is developing among some Senators. It is based largely on the theory that any estrangement between this country and Russia would have the effect of bringing Russia into alliance with Japan with the result of injuring the Oriental trade of the United States. Many telegrams advancing this idea were received during the day.

This view will be presented to the Committee on Foreign Relations when it meets next Monday in accordance with Chairman Cullom's promise to take action upon the resolution. Senators Cullom and Lodge have given asurance that the resolution would be reported to the Senate after the Monday meeting of the committee.

Suggstions have been made that Secretary Knox be invited before the committee but as the committee's course was practically prescribed by the reference to the resolution it has been decided that it would not be consistent to invite possible opposition to the immediate action contemplated.

There is a possibility of ultimate delay on account of changes in the resolution which would require the concurrence of the House. Most of the Senators are of the opinion that notice of abrogation provided for by the treaty must run fr a year after the first of the next January succeeding action upon it. Senator Lodge has intimated his intention of offering an amendment making the language of the Sulzer resolution to cover this point.

If the committee and Senate accept the Massachusetts senator's view it will be necessary to send the resolution back to the House. If this circumlocution should prevent action by both bodies before adjournment on Thursday for the Christmas holidays there would be no further necessity for haste, as an entire year would be left them in which Congress might express itself. The House, however, will be disposed to act quickly so as to expedite the resolution to the President for his formal approval.

The Urgent Deficiency Bill.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Portions of the wreck of the battleship Maine, now being cleared of mud and debris in Havana harbor, are to be donated to cities, patriotic societies and the survivors or heirs of survivors of the Maine under a plan presented to the House today in the urgent deficiency bill.

The entire bill carries $2,270,000. It authorizes an additional appropriation of $250,000 for raising the Maine, making a total appropriation of $900,000 for that purpose.

The bill would authorize the Secretary of War to give "some portion of the wreck" to the Republic of Cuba, for incorporation in the public monument to be erected in Havana. It would authorize the Secretaries of War and Navy to donate pieces of the battleship or of its equipment or the property found in it to "any municipality of the United States, or to any military or naval association or society in the United States, or to the former officers and crew of the Maine, or their heirs or representatives.

The work of raising the wreck is nearing completion.

The urgent deficiency bill will be rushed through the House tomorrow, it is expected, and passed in the Senate early next week.

The bill also includes $500,000 for further work in the census bureau, a cut of 50 per cent. from the estimate; $350,000 to complete two revenue cutters now building at Newport News, for which $150,000 was appropriated last year; $154,000 for mileage for members of the House; $47,000 mileage for Senators, and $65,916 for public buildings.

Lorimer Bribe Investigation.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Senator Lorimer will not testify in his defense until Congress re-convenes after the Christmas holidays. It was practically arranged to have him be a witness next Monday, but it was decided today to finish with all other witnesses before Congress adjourns and hear Senator Lorimer after the recess.

The hearing was unexpectedly lengthened today by a turn in the testimony of Edward Hines, of Chicago, the lumber man, who has been mentioned in the case as the "man who put Lorimer over."

Counsel for the committee investigating Mr. Lorimer's election wanted to know something about what is alleged to have happened at a meeting in Mr. Hines' private room in the Chicago Union League Club on the day after Lorimer was elected. The lawyers were not prepared to say today what they were holding back. They

probably will recall Mr. Hines next week.

E. H. Nockles, a labor leader, whose name was recently mentioned in the trial of the McNamara dynamiters, was a witness today and testified to certain conversations at Springfield.

The Democratic Caucus

Washington, Dec. 15.—Democratic Leader Underwood, of the House, predicted today that the caucus of the House Democrats would not authorize an omnibus building bill at this session of Congress, notwithstanding the public building committee's recommendation for one.

"When the pension bill already passed," said Mr. Underwood, "considerable has been granted the Democratic constituency and we should hesitate before making further drains upon the treasury. The treasury now is about three and a half years behind in its work on public buildings. Even if a bill were passed it would be impossible for the department to do anything with them for the next three or four years."

Mr. Underwood said the matter doubtedly would be considered in caucus. To give every one a fair show an appropriation of from $25,000,000 to $30,000,000, he said, would be necessary and the Democratic leaders do not want such a bill to clasp with their economy programme.

Investigating Price of Sugar

Washington, Dec. 15.—An investigation to determine why the price of sugar was increased several cents a pound last Summer, was begun today by the House Committee appointed to investigate sugar conditions. Letters were sent to all the cane sugar and beet sugar refineries in the United States requiring sworn statements showing:

The actual cost of refining each year for the past years; the actual cost of such consignment of raw sugar purchased this year; the amount of raw sugar on hand July 1st, 1911, and its actual cost; the amount of raw sugar contracted for but not delivered July 1st, 1911, with actual dates of delivery; the number of pounds of refined sugar in stock or owned by the refiners July 1st.

The bet sugar companies are also required to state the number of tons of beets sliced, the cost of extracting sugar and the price paid for beets.

Many members of the special investigating committee of which Representative Hardwick is chairman, have expressed the belief that all stocks of raw sugar were contracted for prior to July 1st, and that the sharp rise in price during the Summer resulted in large profits for the refiners.

BASEBALL MEETING.

Greenville Deposits Guarantee Check. Meeting of Ass'n Next Month.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 15—At a meeting of the directors of the Carolina Baseball Association here today, Greenville, S. C., came forward through her representatives and deposited the guarantee check of $1,000. At the regular annual meeting held some time ago that city was not represented and it was generally understood that it would withdraw from the league. The action today sets at rest all rumors, the directors officially declaring that the association would remain intact for the season of 1912. A meeting will be held early next month to formulate a schedule.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 15.—Greenville, Spartanburg and Anderson have come across with the necessary slip of negotiable paper for $1,000 United States currency, which will be deposited with the treasurer of the Carolina League, until at a later meeting of the directors it is finally decided which cities shall have a berth in the league of 1912.

Spartanburg was represented today by Billy Laval and Charles Ligon.

Greenville telegraphed President J H. Wearn that its check would be in today, while Anderson's has been received, and that of Spartanburg was brought over by representatives of the Spartanburg association.

"This does not mean," said President Wearn today, "that the make-up of the league is determined. That is left with the directors who will hold another meeting, probably about Christmas, when the cities that will get in will be decided upon. The $1,000 check simply fills a preliminary condition to getting into the league, while the directors will formally determine later what the personnel of the league in 1912 shall be."

There was no formal meeting today of the directors. At the last meeting held some days ago, it was decided to extend the time limit for the South Carolina cities, which had not come across with the $1,000 check, so that they should have until the close of today to get the guarantee checks in. Spartanburg and Anderson have fixed this preliminary, and Greenville's check was looked for tonight.

There is talk of a change in the make-up of the league, however, and there will be several strong requests from North Carolina towns to come in, and perhaps from Rock Hill which may result in the displacement of one or more of the South Carolina towns which failed to put up the necessary stake of $1,000 by the date of the last meeting of the directors earlier in the month.

With no prospect of a directors' meeting for two or three weeks the baseball situation will, relatively speaking, have a rest over the holidays, though things will get busy about the first of the new year as the directors are anxious to get things in shape by that time, so that the teams securing berths can proceed with their home arrangements for the season.

TWELVE THOROUGHBREDS DIE.

Race Horses Perish When Fair Buildings Burn.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 15.—At 4 o'clock this morning a racing stable full of horses at the Georgia-Carolina Fair Grounds was destroyed by fire. The loss will reach fully $10,000. There were 12 horses burned.

Eleven of them were the thoroughbreds of George M. Burke, a prominent racing man of Williamsport, Pa., Burke left Augusta yesterday for Willitmsport to spend the Christmas holidays with his family. He had never left the horses before except for a few hours at a time.

The cause of the fire is unknown. Insurance partly covers the loss.

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..Theatrical..

Again last night did Mr. Henry Ellsworth, the noted traveler and lecturer, not only delight, but instruct at the Academy of Music, giving his second evening's entertainment with his superb pictorial reproduction of "Oberammergau, Its People and Their Passion Play of 1910." Those who witnessed the presentation of the pictures, which undoubtedly are works of high art, and listened to the splendid lecture by Mr. Ellsworth, given in fluent, graceful way and only like one can who has lived for months and months among the people of Oberammergau, were not only immensely delighted, and loud in their praise of the event, but received a wealth of information, upon a subject that is worldwide in discussion. Two more opportunities remain for the people of Wilmington to behold this wonderful spectacle, and no one should miss the chance. A special matinee will be given this afternoon commencing at 3:30 o'clock, when the price will be but 25 cents. Tonight will roll around the farewell presentation and seats for tonight can now be reserved at Plummer's. The prices are 25 and 50 cents.

At The Grand Theatre

A big holiday offering will be made at The Grand Theatre today, this being in honor of both the week-end and the approach of the gladsome yuletide. Two of the three big photoplays will be topliners, one by Lubin and the other of the great Selig manufacture The Lubin is "A Newsboy's Luck," the inspiring rise of a poor lad to success. These are the films that are "as clear as a bell" and this story is one of a brutal father, the turning of a boy from home, an automobile accident, a stay of six weeks in a hospital and the happy re-uniting of the boy and his mother. "A Diamond in the Rough" is the Selig film, a dramatic love story of unusual power interwoven with an interesting study of human nature, written and produced by Francis Bogg. The scenario is the "Redwoods of California" and the story is one of love, daring and sacrifice. It is compelling in interest, beautiful in execution and attuned to the love of human interest in every breast. The Grand is always the music by a good orchestra and the singing by Mr. Morgan who will have for his number today, "Dreams, Just Dreams." Make it convenient while down town shopping to break the trip with a brief respite at The Grand Theatre.

At The Bijou

"Home," in the words of the old familiar song "be it ever so humble, there is no place like home.

Today The Bijou will present a film dealing with this tender subject. It is called "Home," and it is the sweetest and most beautiful photo-play ever constructed. It is also peculiarly appropriate for this time of the year, and it was with that idea in view that The Bijou management made extra efforts to obtain one of the first copies of the big film. It is simply a story of home, telling how an old mother, living away from the city, sends an ad. to a daily newspaper to the effect: "My child, come home. then it will truly be Christmas—Mother." The eyes of various people see the advertisement, and into the heart of each one springs tender feeling and longing to go home. Business man, clerk, clubman, actress and others all are turned homeward by the ad. It is a grand film. Another strong feature at The Bijou today is the powerfully dramatic film, "A Woman Scorned," and it deals in intense manner with a gang of sneak-thieves. All the other films are corkers and the best and latest music will be heard today. Remember, too, The Bijou is warm and cozy no matter how disagreeable the weather. That's one of its strongest features.

ROBBED A. C. L. TRAIN

Two Men Arrested and Held—Answer Description of Robbers

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 15.—George H. Hill and Henry Eichorn, white men, were arrested today by Postoffice inspectors in connection with the robbing of an Atlantic Coast Line passenger train of registered mail valued at $5,000, near Hardeville, S. C., last Tuesday.

The men were taken in custody at Hardeville and later confronted by members of the crew of the train which was held up. While no positive identification was made, it is claimed that the suspects answer the description of the robbers.

A search of the room occupied by the two men under arrest disclosed a brace of pistols.

Officers brought the alleged robbers to Savannah tonight and they were placed in the Chatham county jail.

MAN WAS POISONED

His Mother Held Charged in Connection With the Crime

Bad Axe, Mich., Dec. 15.—The mother of Cyril Sparling, in connection with whose death by poison, Dr. Robert A. McGregor, of Obly, was held to the Circuit Court on a charge of murder today, will be served with a warrant tomorrow charging her with poisoning her son, it was announced by Sheriff Donald McAuley, of Huron county, tonight.

McGregor and Miss Margaret Gibbs, of Port Huron, a nurse charged with being an accesory after the facts, were held at the conclusion of a preliminary examination made sensational by the testimony of Sheriff McAuley, the last witness for the prosecution.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE MEETING.

Salary Limit, Schedule and Other Matters Discussed.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 15.—Southern League baseball magnates opened a two-day session in Nashville today with the salary limit, appointment of a schedule committee and election of officers and directors for the live topics of discussion.

The Nashville City Council, too, has contributed an interesting topic, Martin Flanigan, a member, last night having introduced a bill to repeal the anti-Sunday baseball ordinance.

President W. M. Cavanaugh, who is considered certain of re-election, arrived last night.

Today only at Platt & Haar's. **

ENCOUNTERED STORMS

British Steamer Damaged Considerably—Cargo Damaged

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 15.—The British steamer Priestfield, Captain H. E. Loads, arrived here considerably damaged as the result of encountering frequent storms on her voyage across from Hamburg. Part of the Priestfield's superstructure was carried away by the storm and a portion of her cargo of fertilizer valued at $100,000 was damaged. High seas beat over the vessel and the water poured down her hatches, damaging her cargo.

The Priestfield left Hamburg on November 17th and proceeded to Tyne where she took on bunker coal. She left the latter port on November 19th.

BRITISH STEAMER FOUNDERS?

Freighter Eastpoint Reported Lost on the Atlantic Ocean

New York, Dec. 15.—The New York Maritime Exchange is investigating a rumor today that the British steamer Eastpoint, which sailed from London on December 2nd, with a cargo of freight for Philadelphia, has foundered at sea.

The Eastpoint is a freight carrier and has a crew of about 20 or 30 men.

Slumber slippers 49c; bed room slippers 25c and 50c, big assortment, special prices at Rehder's. **

ELECTROCUTED ON TIN ROOF

Mayor Watts, of Coal Creek, Killed Helping to Fight Flames

Knoxville, Dec. 15.—Mayor Thomas Watts, of Coal Creek, was instantly killed there this morning by coming in contact with a live wire strung across a tin roof on which Mayor Watts was standing while fighting a fire which consumed an undertaking establishment.

Mayor Watts had been very active in the relief work for the Bryceville mine disaster sufferers. Coal Creek is six miles from Bryceville.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 13.—The law passed by the legislature of Virginia requiring hotels to furnish sheets at least eight feet long to all beds, was today declared to be unconstitutional by Police Justice Duncan, of Norfolk, before whom a test prosecution was brought. The State appealed.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 15.—For the fourth time in five years the University of North Carolina won the debate from the University of Pennsylvania here tonight. The judges stood two to one in favor of the Southerners.

Worn brooms or whisks may be dipped in hot water and the uneven edges trimmed with shears, and then dipped in cold water and all water shaken out. This makes the straws harder and the trimming makes the brush almost as good as new.

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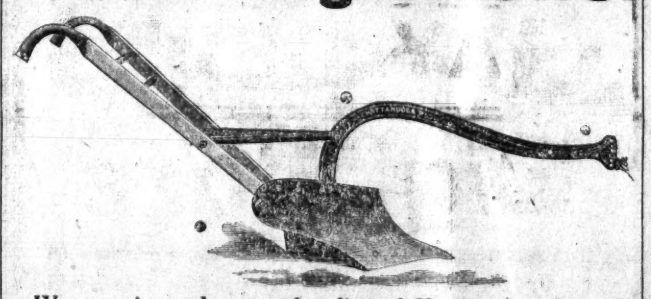

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Kingsbury $175.00
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Kahler & Campbell, Mahogany Case $225.00
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We have several nice Organs which will be sold at a big bargain; a regular $375.00 Shaw Piano, slightly used, for $300.00.
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2,500 Cocoanuts, 100 to the bag, at $4.50 per bag.
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U. S. Bonds (at par)	551,000.00
Bank Building	25,000.00
Bonds and Other Securities	96,575.00
Cash and Due by Banks	1,573,766.67
	$5,785,611.37

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	$ 825,000.00
Surplus and Net Profits	470,054.29
Circulation	550,000.00
U. S. Bonds Account	100,000.00
Deposits	3,840,557.08
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P. Q. MOORE,
Councilman Department of Streets and Wharves.
F. F. PILLET, City Engineer.
de 12-eod to de 18.—

DAY'S DOINGS IN RALEIGH

Secretary of State Talks of Farmers' Union—Committed for Burglary. Convict Uniforms—Amethysts Discovered.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 15.—Col. J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State, who is a member of the North Carolina Farmers' Union, is just back from the annual meeting at Wilson and declares that this session was the most representative gathering of North Carolina farmers he has ever seen, a body of intelligent earnest men, working for the educational and agricultural development of the State.

One of the chief concerns of the meeting was the necessity there is for more diversified crops and the application of better and more business-like methods in farming. It was evident that every member of the order took home a determination to put in practice the better methods and will use influence on neighbors to do likewise. The cotton situation was a most interesting topic, the desire being to evolve some plan for a general depository and warehouse plan to be applicable not only to the holding of cotton for opportune marketing, but also as a general place of exchange for the sale of farm products. Co-operation in buying as well, as in selling was especially stressed.

Edward Smith, colored, was committed to the penitentiary today to serve ten years for second degree burglary. He broke into a residence and was captured in the kitchen, the indications being that he merely intended a raid on the provisions. He was brought here by A. M. Sanders, deputy sheriff of Johnston county.

There was a charter today for the Ford Garage & Sales Co., of Greensboro, capital $10,000, by R. L. Markham, W. H. McGlamery and W. M. Combes.

The North Carolina delegation to the American Public Health Association at Havana has returned, one party consisted of Dr. J. Howell Way, Waynesville, president of the North Carolina Board of Health; Mrs. Way; Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the State Board of Health; Dr. Jno. A. Ferrell, secretary in charge of the hookworm eradication, and Dr. C. A. Shore, of the State Laboratory of Hygiene. The party was greatly interested in the work of raising the Maine and found Major H. B. Ferguson, a native of Waynesville, in charge.

Attorney General Bickett has just made a ruling that under an act of the last Legislature, chapter 64, Public Laws of 1911, it becomes the duty of the State's prison board to prescribe the uniforms to be worn by convicts not only in the penitentiary, but those serving on chain gangs and other service in the counties under the county control, and that the convict stripes are to be worn only by those prisoners convicted of felonies, while those sentenced for misdemeanors are to have some other sort of uniform easily distinguished from the uniform of the felon. All convicts sentenced to the penitentiary are declared to be felons by Section 3281 of the Revisal, but there are contradictory sections that are applicable to those sentenced under the specific sections so that there are the two classes of convicts in the penitentiary.

It has been found that the lands of G. W. Partin, near Raleigh, are well supplied with amethysts of commercial value. The deposits were examined this week by Secretary Elias Carr, of the State Department of Agriculture, and experts who declare that there are valuable deposits on the Partin place.

The public schools of Raleigh closed today for the Christmas holidays to re-open January 2nd. The enrollment this session has fallen behind last year, but the average attendance has been a decided improvement. The schools in the county are not to close until next Friday, December 22nd and will re-open January 1st.

CARS TO SEVEN SPRINGS.

New Corporation Acquires Rights of Goldsboro Traction Company.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 15.—A statement was issued this afternoon that the Goldsboro, Seven Springs & Swansboro Railroad Company had acquired the property and rights of the Goldsboro Traction Company. This action was taken by the railroad company because of the advantages to be derived through the rights and franchises now owned by the Goldsboro Traction Company including rights of way to Seven Springs. It was also learned that the railroad company will make many improvements and extensions of the city lines. From information gathered the merger will not affect in any way the plans to extend the electric car service to Seven Springs.

YOUNG MAN KILLED

Claude Vandergrift Caught on Revolving Shaft, Fatally Injured

(Special Star Telegram.)

Clinton, N. C., Dec. 15.—Yesterday afternoon at Sessom, a station on the A. & Y. division of the Coast Line, Claude Vandergrift, a young man connected with the Sampson Lumber Company, was caught by a revolving shaft at the mill and fatally injured. Both arms were broken, his face and head fearfully lacerated, and he was internally injured. In response to ' phone calls, Dr. Sikes, of Salemburg, and Dr. West, of Fayetteville, rushed to the injured man in automobiles and did what they could to save his life, but without avail. He died last night.

LAY ASIDE PETITION.

Racing Will Probably be Allowed at Charleston and Columbia.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 15.—It became known here today from an authoritative source that Attorney General Lyon probably will ask the Supreme Court on December 18th to lay aside the petition for an injunction to restrain betting at the local race track. This move on the part of the attorney general will put an end to the injunction proceedings without the hearing set for January 4th. It also will allow racing to continue here and at Charleston unless further litigation is instituted.

GREENSBORO AFFAIRS

Laymen's Missionary Movement---Two Deaths in the State

(Special Star Correspondence).

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 15.—Following the announcement that the U. C. T.'s would give a banquet on the night of December 30th with Governor Kitchin as the guest of honor, a committee from the T. P. A. organization got busy with the result that announcement has been made that this organization will give a banquet on the night of December 29th at which the wives and lady friends will be the guests of honor. Keen rivalry between the two organizations as to which occasion shall be the most brilliant as a holiday social event, has already begun.

At a meeting of the State executive committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement held here last night, an invitation was received from Winston-Salem to entertain a convention in February and after a general discussion the invitation was accepted. It was announced that J. Campbell White, general secretary of the National movement, and Mr. Douthit, of New York, would be in attendance at the convention, as well as other men who have been prominent in the Laymen's work. Among the out-of-town members of the State committee here last night were: M. B. Spier, Charlotte; H. A. Pfohl, Winston; Rev. H. K. Boyer, Statesville.

It was also announced that the international executive committee had made plans to hold five conventions in North Carolina from October, 1912, [illegible]y, 1913. These will be held at the more important cities of five apportioned sections of the State.

Sanford A. Snyder, of Winston-Salem, died at the home of his son here yesterday morning. Mr. Snyder came to Greensboro, accompanied by his wife, last Friday, to visit the son, H. C. Snyder, of No. 981 Spring Garden street, and it was while on this visit that he was taken ill, death resulting yesterday. His death was due to pneumonia. Mr. Snyder was 78 years of age and surviving are several children and the widow. The remains were taken to Winston-Salem yesterday afternoon for interment.

Greensboro lawyers yesterday learned with deep regret of the death at Murphy at 8 o'clock in the morning, of Mr. Ben Posey, one of the most prominent criminal lawyers of western North Carolina and a man of wide influence in Cherokee and other counties in the extreme western section of the State. Mr. Posey had been ill with pallagra for more than a year and for the past two weeks his condition was regarded as desperate.

AFTER ASHEVILLE "TIGERS"

Police Making Raid on Dispensers of Xmas "Booze"

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 15.—The police authorities of the city have begun the rounding up of "tigers," evidently in an effort to clean things up for the Christmas holidays. For the past few weeks they have not made any seizures of "tigers," contenting themselves for the most part with taking up a bootlegger now and then, consequently it is believed that the "tigers" are getting a little bolder on account of the days of grace that they have had; and that they may have been putting in supplies for the holidays.

The officers have already done a little preliminary work along this line, having raided two places during the last day or two and in each case finding evidence that showed that liquid refreshments had been served.

But the "tigers" are rather wary, remembering well the days of yore recent days too. It appears that they have adopted a method which may give the police some trouble in convicting them; that is, they do not keep an illegal amount of whiskey in the places where it is dispensed but draw frequently from some storehouse which is better concealed than the "joints." One need not think for a minute that the police do not know where the tigers are. They know as well or better than some other people. But they are deterred from making the raids by the belief that they would not find more than the amounts allowed by law if they should make the raids.

There is an idea that whiskey is shipped to various men in the city who turn it over to the "tigers" as it is needed, but in small amounts.

DUNN NEWS NOTES.

Death of Mrs. Parker—Tigers to the Roads—Governor Kitchin.

Dunn, N. C., Dec. 15.—The death of Mrs. G. H. Parker will be keenly felt by her neighbors and friends, for she was a woman whose influence for good will not soon pass away. She was a daughter of Rev. J. F. Butts, who was one of the first ministers to preach in the Methodist church in Dunn. Her death came as a shock to the town, as she had been sick only a few days with pneumonia. Her husband and daughter, Helen, have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community. The funeral services were conducted from the Methodist church yesterday by her pastor, Rev. J. H. Shore, and the remains were laid to rest in Greenwood cemetery.

Miss Jewel Ashford, of Clinton, is spending several days with Miss Emma Young.

Recorder Smith had a busy day in court yesterday, and as the result of his work and that of some private detectives hired by the prohibition forces, about eight convictions were had and the defendants sentenced to the Dunn road district for a term of 90 days each. The defendants do not seem to think that justice was given them as they have all appealed to the Superior Court.

The city fathers are making preparations to entertain Governor Kitchin, who will arrive in town this afternoon to deliver the address tonight at the dedication of the new town hall.

Lightning Kills Few.

In 1906 lightning killed only 169 people in this whole country. One's chances of death by lightning are less than two in a million. The chance of death from liver, kidney or stomach troubles is vastly greater, but not if Electric Bitters be used, as Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Ia., proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months of suffering from virulent liver trouble and yellow jaundice. He was then completely cured by Electric Bitters. They're the best stomach, liver, nerve and kidney remedy and blood purifier on earth. Only 50c at R. R. Bellamy.

FARMER'S UNION CONVENTION

Entertainment Yesterday at Wilson—Co-operation in Marketing and Financing Crop is Urged—Adjournment Today.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 15.—After a most interesting State convention, which has, through delegates from every section, developed a closer and better understanding of the necessity for organization and co-operation, many delegates of the Farmers' Union left today, following a delightful barbecue dinner in the Banner Warehouse as the guests of the Farmers' Cotton Oil Co., and the Contentnea Guano Company.

The dinner over, they saw the city in automobiles under the direction of Mr. J. C. Hales, committeeman in charge. The convention will probably adjourn tomorrow. Much work has been accomplished by the convention and in addition to State matters discussed, the selling and distribution of the great crops of the South, especially cotton, have been handled. By invitation Mr. R. A. N. Wilson, of Mississippi, was here to explain Mississippi's holding and selling plan. President Barrett, at the head of the National Farmers' Union, is also here to assist in the working out of a general co-operative proposition. The matter was left to the council, which is composed of the State officials and the members of the executive committee with full power to act and devise a plan which shall have for its purpose the consideration of the financial problems which confront the farmers, especially with reference to the marketing and distribution of the cotton crops.

Salisbury, N. C., Dec. 15.—The plant of the Grace Furniture Company here was completely destroyed by fire early today. The loss will reach $100,000, with insurance of only one-third that amount. The origin of the fire has not been determined.

$3.50 Recipe Free, For Weak Men.

Send Name and Address Today—You Can Have it Free and Be Strong and Vigorous.

I have in my possession a prescription for nervous debility, lack of vigor, weakened manhood, failing memory and lame back, brought on by excesses, unnatural drains, or the follies of youth, that has cured so many worn and nervous men right in their own homes—without any additional help or medicine—that I think every man who wishes to regain his manly power and virility, quickly and quietly, should have a copy. So I have determined to send a copy of the prescription free of charge, in a plain, ordinary sealed envelope to any man who will write me for it.

This prescription comes from a physician who has made a special study of men and I am convinced it is the surest-acting combination for the cure of deficient manhood and vigor failure ever put together.

I think I owe it to my fellow man to send them a copy in confidence, so that any man anywhere who is weak and discouraged with repeated failures may stop drugging himself with harmful patent medicines, secure what I believe is the quickest-acting restorative, upbuilding, SPOT-TOUCHING remedy ever devised, and so cure himself at home quietly and quickly. Just drop me a line like this: Dr. A. E. Robinson, 4163 Luck Building, Detroit, Mich., and I will send you a copy of this splendid recipe in a plain, ordinary envelope free of charge. A great many doctors would charge $3.00 to $5.00 for merely writing out a prescription like this—but I send it entirely free.

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Quickest and Best Line West and North west.

Block System. Rock Ballast. 85-lb. Rail
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Lv. Petersburg	11:00 a m	10:40 p m
Lv. Durham	7:00 a m	5:30 p m
Lv. Lynchburg	2:40 a m	6:25 p m
Ar. Cincinnati	7:20 a m	6:25 p m
Ar. Columbus	6:45 a m	6:55 p m
Ar. Chicago	5:00 p m	7:30 a m
Ar. St. Louis	6:33 p m	2:30 a m

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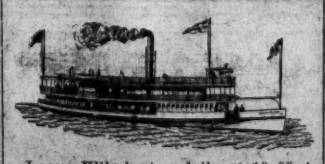

Leave Wilmington daily at 10:00 A. M.

Leave Southport daily at 2:30 P. M.

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION

of the Sentence of Death Imposed by Law Upon L. M. Sandlin.

Application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for commutation to life imprisonment of the sentence of death imposed by law upon L. M. Sandlin by reason of his conviction at the July term of the Superior Court of New Hanover County of the crime of murder.

All persons who oppose the granting of said commutation are invited to forward their protests to the Governor without delay.

This 12th day of December, 1911.
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The turmoil of Christmas Boils. The steady flow in and out of grown folks and children, the bundle-laden customers, the crowded delivery wagons and the busy clerks indicate the fact that something unusual is going on. If you drop into our Big Store, you will see the cause at a glance, for every spare inch of floor and wall space is blossoming with

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These goods are Salesmen's Samples, bought at a Bargain, and we are selling them for about half the money you are accustomed to paying for the same.

WE HAVE MADE SPECIAL CUTS IN OUR FUR AND COAT SUIT DEPARTMENTS,

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1,280 Dozen Men's Hose for One-Half the Price it costs to make them—they are 25c and 10c hose.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective October 10, 1911. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90, ! 3:40 A. M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. No. 91 leaves Norfolk 13:35 P. M. and Richmond 14:10 P. M.)	No. 91, a 1:00 A. M.
No. 51, * 5:45 A. M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. **Pullman Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.**	No. 50, *11:40 P. M.
No. 64, ! 5:50 A. M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations.	No. 65, ! 6:50 P. M.
No. 48, * 8:40 A. M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York Trains with Pullman Service.**	No. 49, * 6:15 P. M.
No. 53, * 8:45 A. M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52, * 8:05 P. M.
No. 55, * 3:15 P. M.	Chadbourn, Conway (1) Florence, Charleston, Savannah, **All Florida Points,** Columbia, Asheville and the West. **Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia.**	No. 54, 1:40 P. M.
No. 62, * 3:25 P. M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations.	No. 63, *12:50 P. M.
No. 59, ! 6:30 P. M.	Fayetteville, Sanford and Intermediate Stations.	No. 60, !10:15 A. M.
No. 42, * 7:00 P. M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. **Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains, with Pullman and Dining Car Service. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.**	No. 41, * 9:45 A. M.
No. 57, ! 7:30 P. M.	Chadbourn, Conway and Intermediate Stations.	No. 58, ! 8:30 A. M.

* Daily. !Daily except Sunday. a Daily except Monday.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager.
T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.
WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE.

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4, 1911.

Winter Park, Wrightsville, Wrightsville Beach and Intermediate Points.

EAST BOUND. Leave Wilmington for Winter Park	Leave Wilmington for Wrightsville	Leave Wilmington for Wrightsville Beach	WEST BOUND. Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville for for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsville Beach for Wilmington
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SPECIAL FOR SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.
Leave Wilmington every half hour from 2:00 until 5:30 P. M.
Leave Beach every half hour from 2:45 until 5:45 P. M.

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Daily Except Sunday.
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Air Line Railway

SCHEDULE

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Trains Leave Wilmington, Effective Nov. 26th, 1911.

No. 45—5:00 A. M.—For Hamlet, and intermediate points, to Charlotte, connects at Hamlet with No. 66, for Raleigh and points North.

No. 39—3:25 P. M.—For Charlotte, connecting at Hamlet with through trains for Atlanta, Birmingham, Jacksonville, Norfolk, New York, and trains in all directions. Arrive Hamlet 7:40 P. M.; leave Hamlet, 8:00 P. M.; arrive Charlotte, 10:50 P. M.

Trains Arrive at Wilmington:

No. 40—12:30 P. M.—From Charlotte.

No. 44—12:10 A. M.—From Charlotte and intermediate points.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 65, for all points North; at Monroe, with No. 53, for Atlanta.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 41, for Atlanta, Birmingham and Memphis; No. 84, for Washington and New York; No. 32, for Portsmouth, Norfolk, and No. 43, for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

Pullman Car service will be maintained between Wilmington and Charlotte on trains 39, 40, 45 and 44.

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Saturday, December 16, 1911.

The Aldrich currency plan may appear good but look who's been arranging the details.

Young men's temptations would not be so great if they would stick as close to home as their sisters.

Always hear the other fellow's side of it. He may say something that will open the way for a compromise or a confession.

Some men's luck is so hard they will fall heir to a waiter's job just about the time the abolition of tipping takes effect.

We don't take much stock in trust-busting. The best way to get rid of the trusts is to keep the Republican party out of power for the next 100 years.

Dr. Cook, pretender to the North Pole, has brought a libel suit against a New Yorker for $100,000. This shows that Dr. Cook will do anything to get money.

At home a man can be flattered by being praised for his economy, while down town he thinks it's a feather in his cap to be known as a fine fellow and a good spender.

Says Col. Roosevelt: "It is ridiculous to consider me as a candidate." By George, it also looks ridiculous to Taft and everybody else who knows what ridiculous means.

Probably Senators Lorimer and Stephenson cannot be ousted from their seats. It may be a punishment sent on the Senate on account of its sinful dignity and standpattery.

Secretary MacVeagh announces that the per capita circulation is now $34.34. Dod gast it, what does that amount to when the few get the $34 and the rest of us get tne 34 cents.

Col. Roosevelt is keeping quiet but it is not the same kind of quiet maintained by President Taft who kept absolutely quiet while Aldrich, Payne and Smoot were exploiting the people for special interests.

Men never know how much hard luck is in store for them. A few weeks after a poor New Jersey fellow sued for divorce his wife fell heir to a million dollars. He seems to have handed himself a lemon for Christmas.

The decree of the Charlotte Observer, ruling that white suede shoes are out of style, will not hold. The ladies have decided that the Observer has no jurisdiction and steps will be taken to have that unmodish publication recalled.

If men are working for the good of their city or State their is very little likelihood of friction. Some men cause friction by working for their glory while pretending to do it for the public. However, self-sacrificing patriots are scarce.

The successful merchant is polite and courteous to all comers whether they come to spend a penny or a dollar. Politeness and courtesy cost nothing, and perhaps if more people practiced the niceties like a merchant they would succeed better in life. Try it during the coming year.

No doubt the only reason why our old friend Secretary Wilson, of the Agricultural Department, will insist on another Republican administration is because the crops this year are greater in quantity and value than in the history of the country. If the Democrats get in power he is pretty well satisfied that rain will refuse to fall and cottop, wheat, corn, tobacco and other stuff would fail to sprout and grow.

MUNICIPAL HARBOR TERMINALS.

The city of Chester, Pa., near Philadelphia, seems to be a municipality which has early recognized the utility and public necessity of a municipally owned $600,000 wharf. In the construction of that water terminal, Chester is not only looking out for the convenience of the public but it has complied with the new rivers and harbors policy of the government. While Chester's new wharf is a splendid convenience under municipal control and no doubt built for the purpose of meeting a public necessity, it also adds to the attraction of the Pennsylvania city's water front. The public interests have been conserved in a greater degree, however, in the fact that Chester now owns its own pier and can regulate shipping in the interest of the public. If the entire water front were in the hands of corporations or individuals, Chester would be at their mercy so far as service and wharfage charges can go. The owners of the water front could dictate water rates, and the government work on the Schuylkill would contribute to private interests instead of to the public weal and upbuilding of Chester.

The great waterways are the assets of the public, and the government spends the people's money in their improvement for public benefit, hence the new policy of requiring municipalities to own and control wharves and piers so the public interests can be protected. Of course, the improvement of rivers and harbors is bound to benefit private individuals and corporations as well as the public, but unless the public interests are conserved at a port or water shipping point, it would be against good public policy to improve waterways and harbors at public expense for private benefit. Chester spent $600,000 on her pier and that probably included he purchase of the water front, which, in the first place should never have been lost to the public domain. However, this is a new country and it was never anticipated that the day would come when the harbors and waterways must be reserved for the great public welfare. At any rate, we presume that Chester is now in a position to protect herself in the way of water traffic. We do not know how elaborate or extensive a structure Chester has built at a cost of more than a half million dollars, and we do not know whether warehousing is connected with it, but concerning it the esteemed Republican has this to say:

"Those who have inspected the new Market street wharf are greatly pleased with the structure. When compared with the pier that did duty for so many years it is a monument to progressive Chester. Few improvements along the sea coast can excel the work on the wharf. Aside from the fact that the new pier is valuable for commerce, it adds greatly to the city's water front. It is a credit to the city and a sure sign of our advancement. Chester is to be congratulated upon building the right sort of pier. There has been no half-way business about it. It is as near complete in every detail as can be desired. The structure is of solid concrete and should last for years beyond number. As first impressions are lasting, the new wharf will speak a good word for Chester. Said a Philadelphian recently: 'Yes, I have been to Chester. I took a trip down there on a boat one night last Summer; and they landed us in a coal yard. I nearly lost my way. I was afraid to attempt to retrace my steps, so made the trip back to Philadelphia by train. I never will forget my feelings when I walked through that dark coal yard. I was frightened to death, for I did not know when I would plunge into a vat or a sewer or some horrible place.' No need for fear now. The problem has been solved. With the new wharf the stranger or the Chesterite need not complain. Every resident of this city should make it a point to inspect the Market street structure just as soon as they conveniently can. The pier has been built out of the $600,000 loan sanctioned by the people. They should see just where their money has gone and how well it has been expended. Surely, when the fire alarm system, the new wharf and the many well paved streets are considered, those who voted for the loan need not feel that they made a mistake. The work on the streets is far from completed, it is true, but the pier and the fire alarm systems are realities. And no one would care to trade the new for the old."

We reproduce this because Wilmington has to take into consideration the construction of municipally controlled harbor terminals, for which the General Assembly only authorized the city to vote on a bond issue of $200,000. In fact, that amount is stipulated by the government as what Wilmington must put in harbor terminals to assure a continuance of work in dredging the Cape Fear bar and channel. We have to go up against this proposition right away and it is time to get up plans so an election can be held on the question of issuing bonds.

Chester is a small city, but its people now realize what improvements will do for the place. It is a sign of progress at Chester, and, as a matter of course, there will be no regrets among her people that Chester is going ahead. The only thing about it is the surprising fact that our cities, including Wilmington, have not long ago seriously considered the asset value of their water front. What is one of the most valuable, and should be one of the most attractive portions of a city with navigation, is that their water fronts are the most ragged and forlorn portions about them.

THE CORN EXPOSITION.

The States of South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia should be proud of the success of the South Atlantic Corn Exposition held at Columbia this week, beginning last Monday and continuing for five days. The interest was great, and the corn club boys and farmers in general from the three States vied with each other for the supremacy. It shows that deep interest and great earnestness has been aroused in the value of corn production to the South.

We are specially glad that a North Carolina mountain farmer captured the grand sweepstakes, and that young Charley Parker, of Hertford county, in eastern North Carolina, carried away the honors for the greatest yield per acre, 195.9 bushels. The North Carolina farmer who came out ahead for the sweepstakes was Mr. J. W. Lewis, of Wilkes county, who is quoted by the Charlotte Observer as saying that "aforetime he raised corn for other purposes, but the revenue officers protested and he is now farming for farming's sake." There is now some other profitable use for corn, and it is gratifying that Mr. Lewis has found it out.

The exhibition by the boys' corn clubs of the three States was the great feature of the exhibition. The boys of all three States have demonstrated that the Carolinas and Georgia can grow from 50 to 200 bushels of corn per acre and do it at a big profit. Indeed, some of the boys made more profit per acre than if they had produced two bales of cotton on the same acre. The exposition has simply added emphasis to the fact that the South is the ideal corn growing country. The honors seem to be easy between the Carolinas and Georgia as to adaptability, with the advantage for North Carolina on account of its being nearer to the great markets of the country.

This successful corn exposition is only the forerunner of the National Corn Exposition, which is to take place in Columbia in January. The January show will be a National affair and corn growers from all over the United States will make exhibits. North Carolina will have a splendid exhibit and will again get a tremendous amount of publicity for her magnificent adaptabilities for corn production and general agriculture.

BEWARE OF FACTION MAKERS.

There is another plea for Georgia Democrats to "get together" and call it all off. If Democrats would manifest more zeal over their principles and less over the ambitions of their favorites there would be no serious dissentions to heal. We fall out over the fellows who are after the offices and honors instead of letting office-seekers take care of themselves while we take care of the party. Personal interests and ambitions are allowed to cause too many Democratic rows. The triumph of the party and not of those who want to lead it is what should actuate the Democratic masses. Very few politicians so distinguish themselves that they are worth half the disturbance they create. More saneness in lining up for officeseekers and candidates is what Democrats need when they go to make their nominations. We have never seen a Democratic row that was worth having. Don't let men pull you around by the nose. Beware of faction makers. Follow with a level head and cold feet in a warm campaign.

Men prefer a woman with a graceful carriage whether she owns an automobile or not.

Everybody seems to want a pension, but the surest way to get it is to lay up one for yourself, by depositing a part of your earnings in a savings bank. If money is kept in the bank, it earns interest and is there when times get hard or when the unexpected happens to the breadwinner.

It is about time for another "Build Wilmington" movement. The completion of the Panama Canal is too near at hand for us to be running on a slow track. Absolute conviction concerning the potentialities of this port and firm confidence in its possibilities is all that is needed for us to keep up our enthusiasm. Get plenty of conviction and confidence and that will keep up your steam.

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BAKING POWDER
Absolutely Pure
Used and praised by the most competent and careful pastry cooks the world over
The only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar—made from grapes

A Republican Secretary of War now tells us that the United States Army is no good. Let his statement be recorded in the Democratic book as one more confession that Republicans don't even know how to run an army after trying it for 50 years and wasting millions of dollars. We see no hope except in a Democratic victory next November.

Railroads ought to run to cities that will furnish more inducements for business than terminals. Railroad men who know the business have a motive in building a railroad and their scheme involves objective points that will be worth more in business, present and prospective, than the mere matter of terminal gifts.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Yes, we are all opposed to the tipping evil. But that awful supercilious shrug. There's the rub.—Charleston Post.

Wilmington says baseball prospects are bright. Raleigh is waking up. Now will somebody please arouse Durham.—Rocky Mount Telegram.

As an atonement because the Emperor of Japan had to spend an hour in a common waiting room, a Japanese train superintendent committed suicide the other day. Whereas, when Presidential Specials are delayed, our Hibernian train masters usually atone by volubly cussing the President for tangling up their schedules.—Columbia State.

It is understood that in a few days some information about the plans of Mr. Duncan and his Norfolk-Southern may be made public, that will make the State take notice. In Washington it is said that Duncan has larger plans back of him than has been yet revealed, and that Charlotte will be by no means the stopping place for this end of his line. In some way Duncan seems to have become the active figure in some great railroad interests.—Charlotte Chronicle.

The new Iowa fad seems to be the production of perfect babies. It all comes from the declaration of Dr. Margaret Clark a while ago that babies should be judged, not by the color of their eyes, but by their physical condition, the soundness of their teeth and the state of their nerves. So at the Iowa State fair there was a baby contest, to offset those conducted for cattle, and while judges were tying ribbons on the prize winners among the dumb animals, a tremendous crowd watched the judging of the human animals in the baby show. Measurements were made and scientific figures given out for comparison. At once the woman's clubs in Iowa responded to Dr. Clark's call to abandon the poets and the discussion of things literary for consideration of the vital question of rearing the perfect child. This, she declares, is the most important thing for the future of her own, and every other State.—New York American.

"It doesn't make any difference how much capital is back of a huge industrial corporation, if it does not take advantage of its power to crush out weaker competitors by unfair methods. To crush a competitor by unfair and unlawful methods, with a view of getting a monopoly that sooner or later will oppress the people, is a crime against individual and public rights. The only fight against capital is the popular insurrection against the aggregated wealth that plays the part of a cormorant."—Wilmington Star. That's the whole story in a nutshell. The people who are so very much afraid that the fight against corporations will throttle the industrial development of the country, should know—and do know in most cases—that it is not the size of the corporations that is objected to, so long as "big business" does not crush out its weaker rivals by unfair methods; nor is the objection so much to monopoly so long as monopoly does not use its power—which it nearly always does—to oppress the public. The objection to the Standard Oil Company, the American Tobacco Company and other similar corporations is not the size and the extent of the business, but the fact that these big concerns became powerful by crushing competition by unfair and unlawful methods; and when control was gained they used their power to oppress the producer of raw material and the consumer of the finished product.—Statesville Landmark.

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to neglect liver trouble. Never do it. Take Dr. King's New Life Pills on the first sign of constipation, biliousness or inactive bowels and prevent virulent indigestion, jaundice or gall stones. They regulate liver, stomach and bowels and build up your health. Only 25c at R. R. Bellamy.

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FOR 10 CENTS
Games, Drums, Musical Toys, Tea Sets, Guns, Horses, Horns, Pistols, Stoves, Saw and Buck, and Picture Frames.

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Drums, Chairs, Wagons, Stoves, Go Carts, Pianos, Tea Sets, Games, Saw and Buck, Iron Trains, Trains on Tracks, and Automobiles.

LARGE TOYS PRICED LOW

Drums, $1.00 and $1.50; Tables, 50c. and 98c.; Child's Writing Desks, $1.00 and $1.25.; Violins, 50c., 98c. and $1.50; Pianos, 25c., 50c., 98c., $1.50 and $2.50; Trains and Tracks, 50c. to $5.98.; Cook Stoves, 25c. to $3.50; Chairs, 50c., 98c., $1.50, $2.50; Velocipedes, $1.50 up to $8.50; Horses (real horsehair cover), but $9.50; Go Carts, 50c. to $5.98.

Valuable and acceptable Gifts all over the big store.
Fur and Muff Sets, $10.00 to $25.00.
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SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcement by Wilmington Pastors for Services Tomorrow.

First Presbyterian church, corner Third and Orange streets, Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor.—Services tomorrow, Sunday, 11 A. M., conducted by the pastor. Sunday school at 5:30 P. M. Interdenominational Christian Endeavor at 7:15 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Visitors cordially welcomed at all services.

At St. Andrew's Presbyterian church Mr. Karl Lehmann, field secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, will speak at the morning service. The public is cordially invited to hear him. There will be no night service. The congregation will join the congregation of the First church to hear Mr. Lehmann.

VALUABLE HORSES ARE SOLD.

Shire Mares Fetch Fancy Prices, $6,200 for Highest.

Bushnell, Ill., Dec. 15.—Fifty-four mares and fillies brought $49,760, an average of $921, at Truman's Pioneer stud farm annual sale of Shire mares yesterday.

Billingboro Belle was sold at the record price of $6,200 to John J. Mitchell, of Chicago, who also purchased Bollam Lady at $4,500; Gold Hamchars at $4,000, and a foal sired by Dan Patch at $1,600.

ACT QUICKLY

Delay Has Been Dangerous in Wilmington.

Do the right thing at the right time.
Act quickly in times of danger.
Backache is kidney danger.
Doan's Kidney Pills act quickly,
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On December 27, 1910, Mrs. Marshburn said: "I value Doan's Kidney Pills as highly as ever and have no hesitation in re-endorsing them. They are certainly a good backache and kidney medicine."

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The Lucky Bird Catches the Worm

Luck has favored us as never before. We have been able during the past few days to buy goods cheaper than ever before.

In the stock are Iron and Brass Beds, Dressers, Wash Stands, Chiffonieres and Ladies' Dressing Tables, in all the popular woods. An unusually large stock of Art Squares and Rugs, cheaper than ever. Rockers, Morris Chairs, Couches, Ladies Desks, Pictures, Mirrors, Reed Chairs and Rockers, Parlor and Library Tables, Imported China Dinner Sets, Toilet Sets, Kitchen Cabinets, Tabourettes, Pedestals, and many other articles appropriate for Christmas Presents.

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CHARLES F. DOWDY GOES FREE

Discharged in Recorder's Court Yesterday Afternoon—No Evidence That He Killed His Father, W. R. Dowdy

Acting on recommendations of County Attorney Marsden Bellamy and Assistant City Attorney Geo. L. Peschau, Recorder John J. Furlong yesterday afternoon discharged Chas. F. Dowdy, who had been in jail since Monday morning on a charge of the murder of his aged father, W. R. Dowdy, in the eastern part of the city last Sunday evening. Recorder Furlong stated, however, that in view of the evidence submitted, he would not have held Dowdy even had the attorneys recommended it.

The case was moved to Recorder Furlong yesterday morning by Magistrate Geo. Harriss, who issued the warrant on which the man was arrested and who committed him to jail Following the return by the coroner's jury Thursday of a divided verdict, five jurors holding C. F. Dowdy responsible for the crime and one dissenting, Justice Harriss, who also served in the capacity of foreman of the coroner's jury, decided to transfer the case.

Only one witness was put on by the State yesterday afternoon. The case was taken up a 3 o'clock and the evidence of those witnesses considered favorable to the State was reviewed. Several of the witnesses were recalled for short statements, among these being Dr. C. D. Bell, the coroner; Palmer Dowdy, the 11-year-old son of the defendant, who was with his grandfather the night the crime was committed; Deputy Sheriff A. L. Kelly, who found the blood-stained axe which the murderer beat in the old man's skull.

William D. Hawes, colored, was then put on by the State. The negro was the first to reach the side of the murdered man, and he did not testify before the coroner's jury. His testimony yesterday afternoon brought practically nothing new to light, though he corroborated the testimony of several other witnesses who were among the first to reach the scene. Hawes told how he had heard the boy screaming that night and how he had told him that someone had murdered his grandfather. While the lad was telephoning the police station, Hawes said he secured a lantern and went to the scene of the crime. A number of negroes had gathered in the vicinity, but only one of them would go with him to where the body lay. He stated that when he reached the prostrate man, Mr. Dowdy was still breathing and it sounded as if he were strangling on blood. He had only been there a few minutes when he heard the mounted officers coming and he did not touch the stricken man until the officers came up. They then got a pillow for his head and turned him over on his face until the ambulance came. Hawes corroborated the testimony of the officers who searched the man's pockets and also as to the axe which was found lying under Dowdy's body.

W. P. Gafford, Esq., attorney for Chas. F. Dowdy, rested his case without putting on a single witness, and it was decided to submit the question to Recorder without argument on either side. Recorder Furlong told the city and county attorneys that he would like to hear their recommendations in the matter. County Attorney Marsden Bellamy replied that from the evidence which had been introduced he would not advise His Honor to hold the defendant and Mr. Peschau likewise stated his views.

"The defendant is discharged," said Recorder Furlong, and Chas. F. Dowdy arose and walked out of the court room a free man.

Unless some further clue is discovered that will lead the officers to the murderer it is likely that the Dowdy case is destined to go down in the criminal annals of New Hanover county as a mystery, for there seems to be very little chance of fastening the crime on any one. Public sentiment seems to have been in favor of Charles F. Dowdy ever since arrested and few believe that any son could have so horribly murdered his father.

The murder and the arrest of the son has been a topic of much interest to the public for nearly a week, and in fact, because of the brutal nature of the crime, it has attracted almost as much attention as the celebrated Holly case, of something over a year ago.

In concurring yesterday with Assistant City Attorney Geo. L. Peschau in his opinion that the coroner could not commit a man to jail to await Superior Court when only five members of his jury fix him with the responsibility of a crime, an attorney yesterday cited as authority for this opinion a Canadian case entitled Rex vs. Golding, in 39th Queens Bench, the highest court in Canada, and the citation in this case is that "All jurors must concur." This is said to be the only case bearing upon the question that could be found by the attorneys who looked into the matter.

Two Fast Games Last Night

Two fast and snappy games of basketball were played at the Boys' Brigade armory last night before a large number of spectators, who greatly enjoyed the contests. The Pirates won from the Giants by a score of 26 to 16. The second contest was between the Tigers and the Athletics and the former won by one point, the score being 18 to 17.

Saved His Wife's Life.

"My wife would have been in her grave today," writes O. H. Brown, of Muscadine, Ala., "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She was down in her bed, not able to get up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, and she soon began to mend, and was well in a short time." Infallible for coughs and colds, it's the most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung trouble, hemorrhages, lagrippe, asthma, hay fever, croup and whooping cough. 50c, $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy.

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LOCAL DOTS.

—Rev. J. S. Crowley will preach at Phoenix Presbyterian church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

—Rev. J. M. Plowden will conduct the service at Immanuel Presbyterian Church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock and Rev. J. S. Crowley, the pastor, will preach at the evening service at 7:45.

—About 25 of the white women arrested Wednesday night by county officers on warrants charging them with vagrancy called at Justice Harriss' office yesterday and submitted, paying the costs. Other cases are set for today.

—Messrs. Sol. Bear & Co., are distributing to their friends a very unique and useful letter opener with the compliments of the holiday season. Being useful as well as ornamental, the little device will find a welcome on every desk on which they are left.

—The Star has with the compliments of Mr. J. O. Brock, the well known electrical contractor and electrical supply dealer on Market street, a handsome calendar and thermometer as a new year's souvenir. It is a decidedly convenient and pretty business souvenir.

—The Department of Public Safety has purchased from Mr. S. J. Davis a horse for the sanitary department. The animal cost $200 and is a good saddler as well as buggy horse. The livery bill of the sanitary department was so much each month that Councilman B. C. Moore decided it would be a matter of economy to buy a horse.

—Yoke Fellows appointments for tomorrow were announced yesterday as follows: City prison, P. Heinsberger; county home, W. W. Koch and H. S. McGirt; Wrightsboro Union Sunday School, J. E. Sholar and R. G. Davis; Greenville Sound, W. H. Blair and M. O. Alexander; central fire station, J. T. Sholar and H S. McGirt.

W. L. I. "SURVIVORS."

Company as Constituted During Race Riots of 1898 Here.

The 13th anniversary of the organization of the Wilmington Light Infantry, as it was constituted of active and Reserve Corps members, during the trying times in this city before and after November 10th, 1898, was appropriately celebrated by a goodly number of the "survivors" of the racial troubles in Wilmington at that time, at the W. L. I. armory last evening. The celebration took the form of a smoker and barbecue, which was heartily enjoyed by those who braved the elements to be in attendance and the affair, though informal in every respect, was heartily enjoyed by everyone present. Many of the members in attendance gave informally reminiscences of the racial troubles here at the time and efforts were continued to perpetuate the deeds of the Anglo-Saxons in their fight for freedom from negro dominancy at that time. The following officers were unanimously re-elected:

Past Commander—Col. Walker Taylor.

Commander—Col. T. C. James.

Vice Commander—Col. J. VanB. Metts.

Recorder—Capt. R. N. Sweet.

Chaplain—Bishop Robert Strange.

Surgeon—Dr. Andrew H. Harriss.

Captain Rapid Fire Gun Squad—Col. Chas. H. White.

Telegram of greeting and regret that he could not be present was read from Mr. Clayton Giles, Jr., who is at Hendersonville, and the company assembled expressed regret that it was impossible for him to attend. Regret was also expressed that those veterans, Capt. W. H. Northrop, Mr. W. H. Hardy, members of the company in 1853, and Col. A. M. Waddell, '61, could not attend as they had expected.

Much of the success of the meeting was due to the company's excellent recorder, Capt. Sweet, who had charge of the arrangements and saw that everything was provided for in splendid manner.

NEEDLE WORK DEMONSTRATION.

Will be Conducted in Art Department of Platt & Haar Today.

By special arrangement Messrs. Platt & Haar will conduct a demonstration in their art department today that will be of unusual interest to the ladies of Wilmington. A representative of one of the largest are needle work firms of New York City will conduct the demonstration. A worked or finished piece of the entire Spring, 1912, line will be on exhibition. The line comprises center pieces, pillow tops, library scarfs, bags, waists, in the new punch work and cross stitch. Also complete suits of underwear, including gowns, combinations, corset covers, etc. The firm of Platt & Haar guarantees this exhibition to be well worth an admission fee, but the demonstration is free and all the ladies of the city are cordially invited to attend.

YESTERDAY'S SHIPPING.

Cargo of Cotton for Liverpool—Steamers Arrived.

With the exception of one steamer clearing with a cargo of cotton the movements at the port yesterday were quiet.

The British steamer Pentwyn sailed for Liverpool with 13,652 bales of cotton, valued at $680,000. The cargo was by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

The Clyde steamer Navahoe arrived on its trip from New York.

The river steamer City of Fayetteville came into port from Fayetteville.

Held for Federal Court

Robert London, colored, of Topsail Sound, was given preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Geo. Harriss yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock on a charge of retailing whiskey without government license, and probable cause being found he was sent over to the next term of Federal Court for this district, which convenes in January, London furnished $200 cash bond for his appearance. He was representde by Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy. The negro was arrested at Topsail Sound several days ago by United States Deputy Marshal C. O. Knox and he has been out on bond since that time awaiting preliminary hearing.

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SEWERAGE MATTERS DEFERRED

Council Will Not be Called to Meet This Week to Again Hear Proposition of Bondholders—Is a Live Question.

The sewerage question will not be again brought formally before the City Council this week as was thought a few days ago, but the matter continues to be a live subject around the City Hall and is discussed informally—sometimes at great length—almost every day. Discussion of the matter has been renewed since the publication of an interview with Iredell Meares, Esq., local attorney for the bondholders in The Star a few days ago, to the effect that he would submit a new proposition, or rather the old proposition with a few modifications, which he thought to be advantageous to the city.

It was learned yesterday that Mr. Meares will not ask for a special meeting of the Council to consider the matter, but there is a probability that the proposition will come up at the regular meeting Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Meares has received the proposition in the form in which it was drawn by the Philadelphia attorney of the bondholders and is said to be approved by the bondholders' committee. The document covers about 15 typewritten pages, and, if adopted by the City Council, would act as an agreement between the city and the bondholders to purchase the existing plant for $160,000, the bondholders to expend $190,000 additional for extending the system to the outskirts of the city so as to meet the requirements for years to come.

This is practically the same proposition that was before the Council some weeks ago with the exception that the bondholders now agree to what the city contended for at that time, that the contractors for the new work be paid in money and not in bonds. Another new feature which it is thought will be advantageous to the city is that no money is to be paid out for the work except upon the joint order of the city and bondholders.

But the City Council, by resolution some four weeks ago, called off all negotiations looking to the purchase of the existing plant; instructed the city attorney to notify the sewerage company to extend its sewerage system wherever water mains have been laid, the work to commence within 30 days from date of notification; and also instructed the city attorney to bring suit against the bondholders for damages for failure to live up to the proposition made to and accepted by the city.

In view of the resolutions several members of the Council say they cannot see how they could renew consideration of the same old proposition and other members for other reasons say that they will not vote to purchase the plant for $160,000.

During an informal discussion of the matter at the City Hall yesterday it was remarked that there is hardly any probability that the Council will again agree to pay $160,000 for the sewerage system. The vote before stood four to one in favor of the purchase at the figure named, Mayor Smith being the dissenting member. Councilman Perdew was not in favor of paying $160,000 for the plant, but he felt that under the circumstances this was the best thing to do. It is said that now he would not vote to pay that price, since the bondholders did not close negotiations within the time given them to settle the matter. Councilman B. C. Moore, who voted with the majority in order to get the matter settled, said yesterday during the discussion that he would never agree to pay $160,000 for the existing system. This makes three of the five members certainly against the proposition, and it was said during the discussion that Councilmen P. Q. Moore and Tiencken feel about the same way with regard to the matter.

There has been some talk of the city going ahead right away with the construction of a municipal system. Councilman B. C. Moore said at the last meeting of the Council that a sewerage system to parallel the water mains in the city, including the laterals, could be put down for $125,000 or $130,000, basing this estimate upon the cost per mile of the Florence, S. C., system. The city has about this much money on hand now for the sewerage system and while not exactly recommending it at this time, Councilman B. C. Moore has been considering the matter of urging that work proceed right away with the construction of an entirely new system.

Recently Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt, city superintendent of health, and one of his health officers, Mr. Mathers, who is a civil engineer, have made an examination of the sewerage plant and have prepared an exhaustive report, which was read at a conference of the City Council some days ago. What this report contains has not been given out, but it has been said that it does not make the best showing in the world for the sewerage system. Iredell Meares, Esq., has endeavored to secure a copy of the report, but the request was denied on the ground that it is desired that it come before the Council in meeting before it is given out to the public.

There is most likely lively times ahead before the settlement of the question, for the sewerage company is on the alert and will look after its interests while the city is looking after its side of the matter.

Meeting of Shipping Clerks.

There will be a meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in the Mayor's office at the City Hall of the shipping clerks of the city. A matter of special interest and importance is to be considered and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance of the shipping clerks.

ACTIVE MONEY.

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PERSONAL. PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. B. F. Reaves, of Hampstead, N. C., was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

—Mr. W. H. King, of Hampstead N. C., was in the city yesterday doing Christmas shopping.

—Among the arrivals at The Orton yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. J. Sprunt Newton, Fayetteville; A. F. Dean, Winston-Salem; E. A. Hawes, Jr., Atkinson; Dr. J. T. Hoggard, Atkinson; Mr. and Mrs. W. Ross Davis, Whiteville; F. B. Gault, Lake Waccamaw.

—Among the guests at The Southern yesterday were: Geo. Ruark, Hamlet; C. H. Zibiln, Currie; Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Phoenix; R. W. Roberts, Vista; Joseph Snell, Hamlet; Miss Louise Callihan, Councils; Walter M. Thompson, Jacksonville.

ON WAY TO WHITEVILLE

Coast Line Good Roads Train Spent Last Night in City

On its way from Newbern to Whiteville, the Atlantic Coast Line Good Roads train reached Wilmington at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and was parked at the union station during the afternoon and last night and will resume its journey this morning at 7 o'clock, arriving at Whiteville two hours later and remaining there until noon. The Coast Line and government representatives on the train took advantage of the few hours stay in Wilmington to run down to Wrightsville Beach for an oyster roast, which was greatly enjoyed. It was the first visit the government representatives have ever made to Wrightsville Beach and they spoke in highest terms of the possibilitis of the Summer resort. In the party were: Messrs. Lester E. Boykin and F. M. Hardiman, of the Office of Good Roads, United States Agricultural Department; Mr. M. L. Stover, trainmaster of the Atlantic Coast Line; Mr. E. N. Clark, agricultural and immigration agent of the Coast Line; Mr. R. G. Murchison, conductor of the good roads train, and Mr. O. F. Cooper, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

Leaving Wilmington Thursday morning the good roads train visited Jacksonville and Pollocksville during the day and proceeded on to Newbern for the night. Large crowds visited the train at Jacksonville and Pollocksville, but owing to the weather there were only a small number to visit the exhibit car and hear the lecture at Newbern yesterday morning. If the weather is favorable today the attendance at Whiteville, Chadbourn and Mount Tabor is expected to be large.

THIRD WEEK OF CAMPAIGN

Hookworm Dispensaries Will Be Open at Court House Today

Notwithstanding the disagreeable weather which has prevailed for the past few days, a fairly large number of persons have visited the hookworm dispensaries at the different points in the county this week and it is expected that there will be a large number to visit the dispensary in the grand jury room at the Court House today. The dispensary will be opened from 9:30 to 4:30 o'clock and any one who has any reason to believe that he or she is infected with hookworm disease is urged to present themselves for examination. If they are found to be infected they will be given treatment free by Dr. C. L. Pridgen, of the State Board of Health, who is in charge of the work in this county.

Today's work will close the third week of the hookworm campaign in this county. Dr. Pridgen will fill the same appointments again next week. Quite a number have taken advantage of the opportunity offered to be examined and get treatment free. The percentage of infection has been found to be very high. The first week it ran about 60 per cent., the second week 70 per cent. and this week it will exceed the record of last week.

PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS

Salvation Army to Give Tree to Poor Children of the City

As Christmas draws near the officials of the local post of the Salvation Army ask the generous citizens of Wilmington to remember that the Army is this year making plans to give a dinner to the worthy poor of the city and also to give a Christmas tree for the poor children and that they will need substantial assistance to do this.

They will be glad to receive toys, candies, articles of clothing and, in fact, anything that can be used on the tree for the poor children, to some of whom the Salvation Army tree will be the only bright spot in their Christmas. Financial assistance also will be appreciated, for the expense of both the tree and the dinner is going to be heavy.

It is the plan of the Army this year to give every poor child in the city a present of some kind and this will mean that they will need more articles than ever heretofore. The public has always supported the Army handsomely in its efforts to brighten the Christmas time for the scores of children who feel the sting of poverty and it will, of course, not fail them this time.

Suffering from Pneumonia

Joseph Lewis Nixon, colored, who was arrested at Wrightsville station Thursday and brought to the city and placed in jail to await an investigation into his mental condition, was yesterday found to be suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia and was taken to the James Walker Memorial Hospital for treatment. The negro was very weak and had to be supported when brought from the jail to the office of the clerk of Superior Court, where the examination was made. As soon as it was determined that he was suffering from pneumonia, Capt. W. N. Harriss, Deputy Clerk of the Court, summoned the ambulance and had the man taken to the hospital. It is probable that the disease made the negro delirious and for that reason he appeared to be insane, a physician stated yesterday, and his confinement in jail, even for the short time, has probably greatly lessened his chances for recovery.

Three Big Pictures

"Diamond in the Rough" and "A Newsboy's Luck" will be the topliners at The Grand Theatre today. **

New Neckwear on display today at C. H. Fore & Co. **

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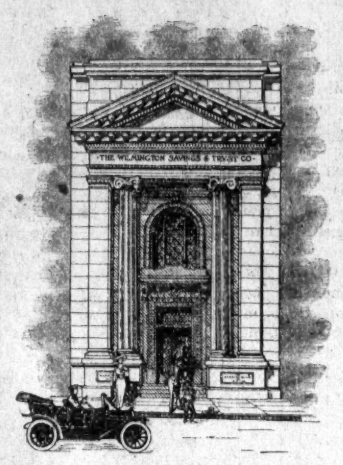

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BURGLARY THE CHARGE

Young White Man Arrested Yesterday Afternoon

Henry Thompson, a young white man employed in the city Water and Sewerage Department, was arrested yesterday afternoon late by Patrolman Leon George on a warrant charging him with burglary. The warrant was issued on the affidavit of Katie King, a white woman, who alleges that Thompson cut a slat in a shutter and attempted to enter her house through a window Thursday about midnight. She told the officers that she had an electric flash light which she turned on him and that she recognized him plainly. The woman fired at him as he ran, but the shot did not take effect. Thompson gave a $200 justified bond with Mr. Harry Walker as his surety for his appearance in the Recorder's court this morning at 9:30 o'clock.

NEGRO DROWNED IN CAPE FEAR.

Fell Between Lighter and Wharf at Compress Last Evening.

The waters of the Cape Fear claimed another victim last evening when a negro named Walker, working on a lighter for Mr. Jno. S. McEachern, slipped and fell between the lighter and the wharf at foot of Red Cross street, and was drowned before aid could reach him. The man fell into the water about 8 o'clock and it was only about 15 minutes until his body was recovered, too late, however, to save his life.

Dr. C. D. Bell, the coroner, was notified and he viewed the body soon after it had been brought to the surface. The man had plainly come to his death accidentally and the body was turned over to an undertaker to be prepared for burial. Walker was said to be an unmarried man.

Real Estate Transfers

Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: Annie Barnes to Willie Ashe, for $550, lot on Miller, 135 feet east of Dickinson street, 30x66 feet in size; Joseph Farrow and wife to E. P. Bailey, for $50, 10 acres of land on east side of Cape Fear river, adjoining Daniel Sanders' tract; Winslow Merrick to L. Lowenstein, for $100 and other considerations, lot on Campbell, 116 feet east of Fourth street, 40x150 feet in size; Solomon Sternberger and wife to J. Irving Bear, for $100 and other considerations, lot on 13th, 297 feet north of Church street, 33x165 feet in size.

School Girls Play Ball.

The H. M. S. and N. M. S. baseball teams, both composed of girls of the seventh grade of Hemenway School, played a third game yesterday, resulting in a victory for the former by a score of 16 to 2. On Thursday the class manager of H. M. S. team, Miss Marion Allen, when the score stood 1 to 1, got a home run just as the bell rang, giving the game to the H. M. S. team by a score of 2 to 1.

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We have a Souvenir for all customers this week in appreciation of their patronage for the past year — Hat Brushes, Tight-Wad Purses, Wall Pocket Calendars, Etc.

Christmas Presents of the Substantial Kind—not Toys, but Useful Articles.

Boys' Suits—sizes up to 18—Knickerbocker split-hip trousers in Cashmeres, Serges and Worsteds; all colors; prices from $3.50 to $12.50.

Men's and Young Men's Suits—single and double breasted; full-fashioned trousers, in Blacks, Blue Serges, Novelty Suitings and Worsteds — a strong line, from $10.00 to $25.00.

Holeproof Socks and Stockings, in Holiday Boxes — Sox, half doz., $1.50; Stockings, half doz., $2.00.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

Silk Stockings, full fashioned, packed two pair in Fancy Box; an elegant present; per box, only $1.00.

Silk Necktie and Silk Sox to Match, packed in Holiday Boxes; nice present for Men and Boys; per box, only $1.00.

Neckties in Holiday Boxes; a handsome assortment; always useful; the very best Silk and Knit Ties; only, each, 50c.

Boys', Girls' and Ladies' Sweaters; all wool and mixed; colors, Red, Blue, Tan, Grey, with Mufflers to Match; very useful presents; prices from $1.00 to $5.00.

Umbrellas—Men's and Ladies' all silk; sterling handle, detachable; each, $5.00.

Bath Robes of very handsome design; finest to be had anywhere; price, $7.50.

Pajamas for Men and Boys; a nice thing for a present, and always useful, for $1.50 to $5.00.

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Hats, Caps, Ties, Purses, Canes, Socks of all kinds, Handkerchiefs of all kinds, packed in Holiday Boxes, in Silk, Linen or Lawn, with cards; Suspenders in Holiday Boxes; Fancy Vests; Shirts of all kinds.

Overcoats—A handsome line from $10.00 to $35.00.

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28–30 SO. FRONT STREET.

SOCIETY

Mrs. R. L. Bagley arrived Thursday evening from her home at Apex, N. C., to join her husband, Mr. R. L. Bagley, of the Wilmington Auto Repair Co.

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Thursday's Baltimore Sun: "Miss Katie Grainger, who has been visiting her cousin, Miss Christine Marburg, will return in a few days to her home in Wilmington, N. C.

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Miss Bertha Levy left yesterday for Rocky Mount, where she will spend a few days on her way home to Richmond, Va., after a visit to Mrs. Chas. W. Woodward, in this city.

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Mr. Alexander Sprunt is home from Yale University to spend the Christmas season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sprunt, and has been most pleasantly greeted by his many friends.

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The following invitations will be of much interest here as well as elsewhere:

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Johnson
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Alice Jackson
to
Mr. Edwin Wellington Taylor
on Wednesday afternoon, December
the twenty-seventh
nineteen hundred and eleven
at four o'clock
New Hope Presbyterian Church
Winnabow, North Carolina.

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A most enjoyable affair was the reception given Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. J. F. Seares and Mrs. Harry Woollcott complimentary to Mrs. Clarence D. Maffitt and Miss Sarah Maffitt at 520 Dock street from 4 until 6, during which time a large number of guests called. Mrs. Kate Maffitt, Mrs. Clarence D. Maffitt, Miss Sarah Maffitt, Mrs. C. E. Taylor, Jr., and Mrs. R. H. Northrop assisted in receiving the guests; Misses May Beverly French and Lizzie Peck ushered them from the parlor to the punch room, where Miss Alice Borden, Miss Janie Meares, Miss Eliza French, Mrs. A. B. VanBuren and Mrs. Geo. L. Peschau served cooling and refreshing punch. In the dining room, Miss Janie Meares, Margaret Quince, Sophie Watters, Janie Jones, Wilhelmina Harlow, Almeria Stevenson and Charlotte O'Neil served delicious refreshments.

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RED CROHSS SOCIETY HOLDS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Wilmington Chapter of the National Red Cross Society held its annual business meeting and election of officers yesterday morning at 10 o'clock in the parlors of the Colonial Inn with a large number of the members in attendance. Mrs. Allan Nichols, the retiring president, was in the chair, with Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, the secretary, and Mrs. E. L. Prince, the treasurer, also present. A number of business matters incident to the close of the present fiscal year were considered and the election of officers for the ensuing year was taken up. Mrs. Cuthbert Martin was unanimously elected president; Rev. Thos. P. Noe, vice president, and Mrs. Allan Nichols treasurer. Mrs. Walter Parsley was made honorary president. The secretary will be appointed by the president.

The records of the organization show fine results accomplished during the past year and the retiring officers deserve much credit for their untiring efforts. Plans are already on foot for an even better showing next year and with the officers elected yesterday the society is equipped to accomplish even greater things.

A communication was read from Mr. John J. Blair, superintendent of city schools, stating that the High School had a room fitted up as a temporary hospital and that all that was needed was a first-aid-to-the-injured outfit. He desired to know what step he could take to get the outfit and by what means. While the matter is not one that the society is engaged in, their efforts being devoted to the fight against tuberculosis, Mrs. W. B. Cooper, a most generously inclined member of the society, kindly volunteered to give to the school through the Red Cross Society, such an outfit. Mrs. Cooper's action was most praiseworthy and her kindness and that of the society through which she donates the gift, will be greatly appreciated by the school.

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WEDDING AT GREENVILLE, S. C., OF INTEREST HERE.

Of interest to many friends in this city was the marriage at Greenville, S. C., Tuesday evening of Mr. Harry M. Croswell, formerly of this city, but now of Marion, S. C., and Miss Margaret Narcissa Anderson, of Greenville. The following description of the wedding is from Thursday's Greenville News and will be read with interest here:

"The home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Anderson was the scene of a quiet but beautiful wedding Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock when their daughter, Miss Margaret Narcissa, became the bride of Mr. Harry Croswell, of Marion, S. C., the Rev. R. L. Holroyd officiating. The house was beautifully decorated with palms and flowers and quantities of candles; the lovely young bride and her attractive attendants making a most attractive wedding party. The wedding march was beautifully rendered on the piano by Miss Pearl Brawley, of Gaffney, and Mendelssohn's music has never announced the coming of a sweeter bride. Miss Anderson was given away by her father, Mr. G. L. Anderson. Exquisitely gowned in a beautiful wedding gown of white charmeuse made en traine over satin and trimmed with pearls and duchess lace, Miss Anderson was most attractive. Her veil was caught with valley lilies and her only ornaments were the groom's gift, a lovely pearl brooch anr her grandmother's wedding ring. Mr. Markley Croswell, of Houston, Texas, was his brother's best man, and the groomsmen were Mr. Earle Croswell, of Greenville, and Mr. Edward Taylor, of Wilmington, N. C. Miss Lillian Anderson, the lovely maid of honor, wore a pink crepe meteor over satin and carried a shower bouquet of pink carnations. And her handsome bridesmaid, Miss Mary Croswell, was also gowned in pink crepe meteor over satin, with a shower bouquet of pink carnations. Preceding the bride were two dainty little maids, who will cause many hearts to flutter in the years to come. Miss Dorothy Hutts, of Spartanburg, and Miss Frances Croswell, of Atlanta, pretty as pictures in white lingerie over pink silk with trimmings and sashes of pink satin ribbon. These pretty little maids were the ribbon girls and carried the ribbons up ahead of the wedding party. Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson gave a small but most delightful reception, the guests being the extensive family connection and a few intimate friends. The spacious lower floor was lovely with flowers. Quantities of Southern smilax and wedding bells. The parlor was in white and green, white carnations and ferns while in the living room everything was in red wreaths of holly and red bells, growing flowers were everywhere and the staircase was garlanded with smilax. The dining room was all in white and pink, pink carnations and ferns arranged with the perfection of taste. The elegantly appointed table was centered with carnations and delicate ferns and smilax was draped from the chandelier. Candles in tall old silver candelabra and candlesticks were placed about the room. Ice cream and cake was served the guests by Miss Sarah Conyers, Miss Cordelia Moore, Miss Susan Gower and Miss Mildred Anderson. Others assisting in here were Mrs. John Woodside, Mrs. Walter Carpenter, Mrs. Arthur Mills, Mrs. Croswell and Miss Sarah Croswell. Mr. and Mrs. Croswell left for a wedding trip North. They will spend Christmas with her parents here, and will make their home in Marion, S. C. Wedding gifts from all over the country were expressive of the congratulations of the host of friends of the popular young couple. Among the out-of-town guests at the wedding were Mrs. W. D. Hutts, Miss Dorothy Hutts and Mr. Edwin Hutts, of Spartanburg; Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Parker, Williamston; Mrs. Albert Anderson, Williamston; Mrs. Lillian Sitton, Anderson; Mrs. William Croswell and Miss Frances Croswell, of Atlanta.

Basketball Games Tonight.

In the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A. tonight two basketball games will be played. The first game will be between the Athletics and the Ramblers and the second between the Giants and the Cubs. The teams will be composed of the following: Athletics, Hanson, McKoy, Pridgen, Woollcott and Little. Ramblers, King, H. Hines, Mitchell, Cashwell and Davis. Giants, Duls, Starritt, Naff, Rhodes and Lewis. Cubs, Houston, Loring, Symmes, Enzor and Fillyaw. The public is invited to attend the games.

Mose Bryant Arrested

Mose Bryant, colored, known to the police as a desperate character, was arrested by Hall Officer J. H. Davis at 11th and Market streets yesterday afternoon on a warrant charging him with larceny. When taken to the City Hall another warrant charging larceny was served on him and also one charging disorderly conduct. It is probable that a number of other charges will be brought when he is taken into court.

Robber Got Clothes.

The combined store and residence of Mr. Elija Chadwick, on the northeast corner of Fifth and Swann streets, was entered by a burglar late Thursday night. The man did not succeed in getting into the store, but he stole some clothes belonging to a clerk who lived in the building. The police have no clue to the identity of the burglar.

ON TRIAL FOR MANSLAUGHTER.

Two on Trial for Deaths in Fire at Waist Factory Last Spring.

New York, Dec. 15.—After hearing extended testimony to convince him that the exhibit was a proper one, Judge Crain, in general session, late today, allowed the lock in the door that is alleged to have barred the escape of the girl operators from the Triangle Waist Company fire of March 25th, last, to be introduced in evidence. Twice before during the day the court has refused to accept the exhibit as evidence against Isaac Harhis and Max Blanck, who are on trial for manslaughter in the case of Margaret Schwartz, one of the 147 who died in the fire.

The piece of panel containing the lock, with shot bolt, constituted the strongest physical proof the prosecution possessed. Assistant District Attorney Bostwick contends that it shows conclusively that the ninth floor door on the Washington Place at the side of the factory where many girls died, was locked when the panic-stricken employes threw themselves against it to escape from the flames.

The trial was adjourned to Monday, when the prosecution is expected to complete its case.

SOLD OPIUM NOT TAXED.

Chinaman Sentenced to Term in Jail and Fined.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—Lee Dick, proprietor of the Sun Yee Yen Company, who was charged by postal inspectors with being one of the most extensive dealers in opium in this country, was sentenced to the maximum penalty, three years in jail, and a fine of $2,000, by Judge Holland today in the United States District Court. Dick was accused of selling opium, on which no tax was paid, through the mails. Men and women from several States were brought here to testify against him. His sales for each week, it is alleged, averaged to more than $200.

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BUSY SESSION YESTERDAY

White Man Gets Six Months on Roads for Selling Cocaine—Several Other Cases Before the Recorder

Although yesterday's session of the Recorder's court occupied practically the whole of the day, the afternoon being taken up with the case of C. F. Dowdy, charged with murder, as given in another column today, there are still several interesting cases on the docket that have been penuing for some time.

Only one road sentence was passed out yesterday, Pete Peterson, a young white man of rather nice appearance, drawing six months on the county roads for selling cocaine. From this sentence he appealed and went to jail in default of $500 bond. Two negroes, one charged with the capital offense of burglary and the other larceny, were found not guilty. The case against Mr. J. O. Grimes, a merchant of East Wilmington, charged with receiving stolen goods knowing them to have been stolen, was heard and judgment was reserved until today. Mack Godwin, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon upon F. H. Jones, presented through W. P. Gafford, Esq., his attorney, a certificate from Dr. F. H. Russell, stating that he was unable to be in court on account of sickness. A subpoena was ordered for Dr. Russell to appear in court today and show why Godwin could not be present.

Peterson, by his own testimony, convicted himself. He was charged with selling cocaine to Thelma McDonald, a woman of the underworld. She testified that he sold her 50 cents worth of the drug several nights ago and that it drove her crazy when she took it. Annie Riddle, another woman, testified that she saw the McDonald woman give Peterson 50 cents for the powder. When Peterson took the stand in his own behalf he admitted that he had given the woman some of the powder, and as the statutes prescribe that it is just as much a violation of the law to give the drug away as it is to sell it, the Recorder imposed the sentence.

Frank Smith, colored, was charged with larceny, in entering the house of Lula Alderman, a negro woman, a few nights ago. On the stand the woman practically admitted that she was the man's paramour and that they had had a quarrel a few days before the incident which led to Smith's arrest. In the light of these circumstances the negro was adjudged not guilty. He was defended by L. Clayton Grant, Esq.

On a charge of the larceny of a sum of money amounting to some thing over $20, Walter Hayes was found not guilty. The charge was brought by a Greek and the alleged larceny occurred over three months ago. No witnesses could swear that Hayes was the man who took the money and the Recorder did not deem the evidence strong enough for conviction.

A large part of the morning was consumed by the trial of Mr. J. O. Grimes, a merchant of East Wilmington, charged with receiving stolen goods knowing them to have been stolen. It is alleged that Mr. Grimes bought a number of articles stolen from Mr. C. A. Workhesier's store knowing them to have been stolen at the time. L. Clayton Grant, Esq., and Woodus Kellum, Esq., represented the defendant and County Attorney Marsden Bellamy prosecuted. The case was a hard-fought one, and after hearing the evidence and the arguments Recorder Furlong decided to withhold judgment until today.

Geo. Green, colored, was found guilty of violating the driving ordinances and was let off on payment of the costs. One drunk contributed $5 and costs.

FIRE OUT AT LAST.

Long Fight Against Flames in Cotton Steamer Successful.

After a fight of nearly six days, the fire in the cotton cargo of the British steamer Oceana, which returned from a short distance out to sea last Sunday with a blaze in Hold No. 2, is entirely suppressed, though the remainder of the cargo, both in Hold No. 2, and in the bridge deck compartment, in which the cotton took fire from heat generated in the other hold, is being discharged to insure no further danger.

The fire in the bridge deck compartment was discovered Thursday, just when the fight in the other hold had been brought to a successful conclusion, and the work had to be started over. Steam from the Oceana's boilers and from those of several tugs alongside, was injected into the bridge deck compartment all Thursday night and when the hold was opened yesterday morning few traces of fire could be discovered. A short time after this the blaze was pronounced entirely out and those who have been in charge breathed a sigh of relief. However, they thought best to continue the work of discharging the contents of the two holds in order that no further risk may be run.

The Oceana sailed last Saturday morning at daylight for Bremen, Germany, with the largest cargo of the season on board, 17,300 bales. A short distance off Frying Pan Shoals smoke was discovered issuing from Hold No. 2, and the vessel immediately put back for this port, reaching here Sunday about noon. From that time until yesterday the fight has constantly kept up, the flames breaking out in the bridge deck compartment just as they had been extinguished in the original hold.

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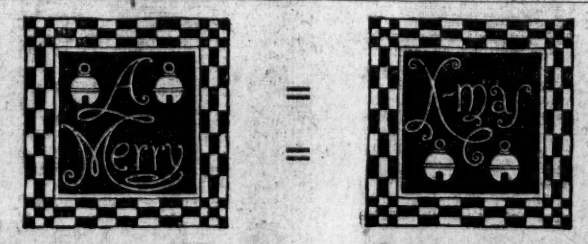

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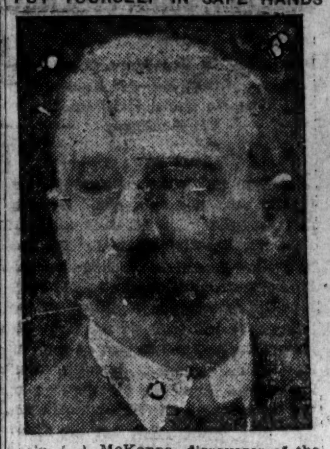

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Pursuant to the provisions of said will, the said lands will be divided into four equal parts and each part will be sold separately.

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COTTON MARKET LESS ACTIVE

Fluctuations Were More Irregular—General Tone Continued Steady. However, But Closing Prices Showed Decline.

New York, Dec. 15.—The cotton market was less active today and fluctuations were more irregular, but the general tone of the market continued steady and while closing prices indicated a decline of 2 points on December, later deliveries showed net gains of from 3 to 6 points for the day. The final tone was steady, with active 3 or 4 points off from the best. The market opened steady at an advance of 1@6 points on renewed covering, with December contracts selling at 9.25 on the call, or about 47 points above the low level of last Tuesday. Later deliveries showed rallies of from 30 to 35 points from the low records of the season on or right after the call, but while Liverpool was steady enough to encourage buying, offerings were heavy at the advance and the market soon turned easy. December notices to the extent of 7,000 or 8,000 bales seemed to bring out a little trailing liquidation under which the price of that position broke about 15 points from the opening figures, and as soon as December weakened the covering of later month shorts became less urgent.

Southern selling was a factor also with Memphis offerings here attributed to confidence in large ginning returns, and the market during the late forenoon showed a net loss of about 5@9 points. Continued covering, foreign trade buying, and renewed activity on the part of reactionists checked the decline at this level, and nearly all months sold into new high ground for the day during the last hour. December was relatively easy late in the day, but rallied about 7 points from the lowest.

Private cables from Liverpool reported that the market there was influenced by a continued demand for late months from the continent, but reported that a large long interest was being formed in present crop months against sales for new crop deliveries. The weather map showed general precipitation in the South, and some of the private wires from New Orleans claimed that the wet weather was restricting spot offerings from the interior. Ilgeipts at all ports today, 65,000, against 93,018 last week, and 72,887 last year. For the week, 430,000, against 462,657 last week and 427,849 last year. Today's receipts at Galveston, 16,449, against 11,686 last year; at New Orleans, 8,592, against 11,735 last year, and at Houston, 14,619, against 10,003 last year.

Spot cotton closed quiet. Middling uplands, 9.45; do. gulf, 9.70; sales, 2,900 bales.

Futures closed steady.

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	8.80	8.83	8.71	8.81
Feb.	8.82	....	....	8.85
Mar	8.91	8.95	8.82	8.93
Apr	8.95	....	....	8.97
May	9.01	9.08	8.94	9.06
June	....	....	....	9.11
July	9.11	9.18	9.05	9.16
Aug	9.15	9.20	9.20	9.20
Sept.	9.15	9.20	9.18	9.20
Oct.	9.20	9.26	9.13	9.25
Nov	9.23	9.23	9.20	9.29
Dec	9.25	9.25	9.10	9.19

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Steady, 8 9-16; net receipts, 16,449; gross receipts, 16,449; sales, 423; stock, 438,058; Great Britain, 10,708; coastwise, 5,341.

New Orleans—Firm, 9 3-16; net receipts, 8,592; gross receipts, 8,751; sales, 1,925; stock, 275,862; Great Britain, 2,000; continent, 3,035.

Mobile—Net receipts, 2,849; gross receipts, 2,854; stock, 86,117; coastwise, 167.

Savannah—Steady, 8 11-16; net receipts, 11,945; gross receipts, 11,945; sales, 5,047; stock, 265,099; continent, 10,001; Japan, 10,000.

Charleston—Quiet, 8¾; net receipts, 2,367; gross receipts, 2,367; stock, 63,438; Great Britain, 7,863; coastwise, 1,611.

Wilmington—Steady, 8⅝; net receipts, 5,103; gross receipts, 5,103; sales, 751; stock, 32,710.

Norfolk—Steady, 9; net receipts, 4,030; gross receipts, 4,030; sales, 1,701; stock, 66,065; coastwise, 3,489.

Baltimore—Nominal, 9¼; net receipts, 4,124; gross receipts, 7,124; stock, 9,692; Great Britain, 825; continent, 1,401.

New York—Quiet, 9.45; gross receipts, 9,541; sales, 2,900; stock, 119,110; coastwise, 4,685.

Boston—Nominal, 9.45; net receipts, 812; gross receipts, 2,178; stock, 4,713; continent, 150.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 9.70; gross receipts, 100; stock, 3,159; continent, 76.

Brunswick—Net receipts, 14,579; gross receipts, 14,579; stock, 22,034; coastwise, 1,221.

Gulfport—Net receipts, 5,129; gross receipts, 5,129; stock, 16,542.

Pensacola—Net receipts, 8,500; gross receipts, 8,500; France, 8,500.

Port Arthur—Net receipts, 10,000; gross receipts, 10,000; France, 10,000.

Texas City—Net receipts, 1,224; gross receipts, 1,224; stock, 87,330.

Newport News—Net receipts, 2,869; gross receipts, 2,869; coastwise, 2,869.

Total today at all ports—Net, 105,744; Great Britain, 21,390; France, 18,500; continent, 14,663; Japan, 16,732; stock, 1,480,929.

Consolidated, at all ports—Net, 460,169; Great Britain, 122,721; France, 38,632; continent, 135,117; Japan, 22,182; Mexico, 885.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports—Net, 6,322,108; Great Britain, 1,918,725; France, 546,017; continent, 1,785,225; Japan, 113,906; Mexico, 3,235.

Total today—Net receipts, 29,917; gross receipts, 34,912; shipments, 26,950; sales, 20,190; stock, 539,118.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 9 3-16; net receipts, 14,619; gross receipts, 14,619; shipments, 12,372; sales, 1,479; stock, 179,073.

Augusta—Steady, 9; net receipts, 4,497; gross receipts, 4,856; shipments, 3,083; sales, 3,510; stock, 81,075.

Memphis—Steady, 9 5-16; net receipts, 5,237; gross receipts, 8,824; shipments, 6,904; sales, 1,500; stock, 198,261.

St. Louis—Quiet, 9⅜; net receipts, 904; gross receipts, 2,153; shipments, 1,709; stock, 26,359.

Cincinnati—Net receipts, 2,353; gross receipts, 2,353; shipments, 1,171; stock, 10,577.

Little Rock—Quiet, 8⅞; net receipts, 2,033; gross reecipts, 2,033; shipments, 1,607; stock, 43,373.

Louisville—Firm, 9¼; net receipts, 274; gross receipts, 274; shipments, 14; sales, 210; stock, 200.

San Francisco—Net receipts, 6,732; gross receipts, 6,732; Japan, 6,732.

Jacksonville—Net receipts, 440; gross receipts, 440; coastwise, 440.

NAVAL STORES MARKET.

Charleston, Dec. 15.—Turpentine, firm, 48½. Rosin, firm. Quote: A, B, C, 6.35; D, 6.40; E, 6.42½@6.45; F, 6.45; H, 6.45; I, 6.45@6.50; K, 6.75; M, 6.80; N, 7.00; W G, 7.25; W W, 7.50.

New York, Dec. 15.—Turpentine, quiet. Rosin, firm.

Savannah, Dec. 15.—Turpentine, firm, at 49¾. Sales, 8.16; receipts, 6.29; shipments, 4.52; stocks, 40,979.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 2,444; receipts, 2,880; shipments, 463; stocks, 130,113. Quote: B, 6.65; D, 6.70; E, 6.75; F, 6.77½@6.80; G, H and I, 6.80; K, 7.10; M, 7.15; N, 7.30; W G, 7.50; W W, 7.75.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 14.

North Carolinas, strong. Virginias, and Spanish, quiet and steady.

North Carolinas—Farmers' stock: Prime hand-picked, $1.25; machine-picked, $1.20.

Spanish—Prime hand-picked, 95c.; machine-picked, 90c.

Virginia—Prime hand-picked, 75c.; machine-picked, 70c.

THE WEEKLY COTTON REVIEW

Market Vacillated A Good Deal—Free Buying in Liverpool—Export Trades Improved—Crop Estimates

New York, Dec. 15.—Cotton vacillated a good deal, now advancing and now declining. Latterly, it has shown more strength partly owing to the rising of December premium over January. It has recovered in a measure on the great estimate on Monday last, of 14,885,000 bales, exclusive of linters and repackings, which are estimated by some as fully 500,000 bales more so that the estimate looks like 15,400,000 bales. The continent has continued to buy freely in Liverpool and to some extent here, and its purchases still include October, 1912, something which appears to many suggestive. It is asked whether the burden of future crops may not be at least partially relieved in some such way. It is known that European spinners thankful for present prices, have in some cases bought American cotton for delivery not merely a year ahead, but for four or five years ahead, on the idea that cotton is cheap and that it would be well to make hay while the sun shines for the acreage may be sharply curtailed next Spring, and prices a year from now may be very much higher. October has been 14 points over July, strange as that may sound to those who recall that in recent years July has been 200 points over October. Even radical bears have deemed it prudent to cover and look on for a while. The Waldorf-Astoria bear clique has received a sharp reminder that the price can advance as well as decline. They have covered freely. The spinners' takings are making a more cheerful showing; exports are large and supplies have not been increased of late at the rate they were a year ago. Much of the time the Liverpool spot sales have been large. Export trade in cotton goods with South America and Manila has improved. Not a few are beginning to buy futures on the idea that the chances are now better on the bull side than on the bear side. Yet many hold aloof, chilled by the big crop and some reports that ginning in certain important States already exceeds the government crop estimates for those States, and by the unsatisfactory condition of the cotton goods industry taken as a whole. The South, too, is steady and at times a heavy seller of hedge cotton. But December has favored the bulls. Its premium over January, which was recently 24 points, has within 48 hours jumped to 45 points as the New York prices are so low that little cotton has been coming this way, and the stock here is much smaller than it was a year ago. It is about 140,000 bales smaller than a year ago, having increased thus far this month only 10,500 bales, as contrasted with an increase in the same time last year four times as great. Galveston has just shipped, it is said, 10,000 bales direct to Japan, the first shipment of the kind in five years. The crop of Egypt, India and Russia are short. On Friday the December premium over January dropped below 40 points, but other months were higher, partly owing to the fact that the week-end statistics were bullish, i. e., big world's spinner takings and smaller increase in the visible supply than last year. These two items in the weekly statement have been bullish for sveral weeks in succession.

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT.

New York, Dec. 15.—For the week ending Friday, Dec. 15:

Net receipts at all U. S. ports during the week, 460,169.

Net receipts at all U. S. ports same week last year, 429,765.

Total receipts since September 1st, 6,322,018.

Total receipts to same date last year, 5,343,648.

Exports for the week, 319,537.

Exports for same week last year, 356,222.

Total exports since September 1st, 4,367,108.

Total exports same date last year, 3,796,722.

Stock at all United States ports, 1,489,929.

Stock at all United States ports same time last year, 1,076,347.

Stock at all interior towns, 926,060.

Stock at all interior towns same time last year, 800,023.

Stock at Liverpool, 713,000.

Stock at Liverpool same time last year, 762,000.

Stock of American afloat for Great Britain same time last year, 519,000.

COTTON RECEIPTS.

New York, Dec. 15.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st:

Galveston	2,012,641
New Orleans	720,546
Mobile	199,709
Savannah	1,415,658
Charleston	269,199
Wilmington	323,529
Norfolk	390,017
Baltimore	45,040
New York	2,250
Boston	27,028
Newport News	6,027
San Francisco	64,528
Brunswick	229,461
Port Townsend	31,420
Pensacola	81,238
Port Arthur and Sabine Pass	72,933
Jacksonville	27,980
Laredo, Tex	1,021
Georgetown	318
Gulfport	21,122
Texas City	368,707
Minor Ports	2,507
Total bales	6,322,108

CHICAGO GRAIN.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Speculative buying of futures here for both European and for Argentine account made wheat today advance with accelerating speed. The close was firm, 1¼@1⅝ to 1½@1⅝ higher than last night. Other leading staples, too, all scored a net gain. Corn, ⅛ to ⅜@⅝; oats, ¼@⅜, and hog products, 2½@5 to 7½.

Wheat—No. 2, red, 95@96; No. 3, red, 92@95; No. 2, hard, 97@1.01; No. 3, hard, 94@98; No. 1, northern, 1.06@1.08; No. 2, northern, 1.04@1.07; No. 3, northern, 1.00@1.03; No. 2, Spring, 99@1.02; No. 3, Spring, 93@1.01; No. 4, Spring, 85@1.00; velvet chaff, 90@1.04; durum, 90@1.03.

Corn—No. 3, 60@60½; No. 3, white, 60@60½; No. 3, yellow, 60½@61; old, 70; No. 4, 57¼@58½; No. 4, white, 58@58¾; No. 4, yellow, 58@59.

Oats—No. 2, white, 48¼@49; No. 3, white, 47½@48; No. 4, 46; No. 4, white, 46@48; standard, 47¾@48¾.

Wheat:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec	93½	94⅝	92⅞	94½
May	97⅜	99	97½	99
July	94¼	95⅝	94	95¼
Corn:				
Dec	62⅝	62¾	62	62½
May	63⅝	64⅛	63⅜	64⅛
July	63⅝	64	63⅜	64
Oats:				
Dec	47¼	47¼	46½	47
May	48⅜	49	48⅜	48¾
July	45⅞	46	45¼	45⅞
Mess Pork, per bbl.:				
Jan	15.65	15.70	15.55	15.55
May	16.05	16.15	15.0	16.00
July	16.20	16.20	16.07½	16.12½
Lard, per 100 lbs.:				
Jan	9.05	9.15	9.02½	9.10
May	9.30	9.40	9.30	9.35
July	9.45	9.50	9.45	9.45
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.:				
May	8.50	8.57½	8.50	8.55
July	8.55	8.60	8.52½	8.52½

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IRREGULARITY IN STOCKS

Was Dominant in Yesterday's Market—Stocks Allowed to Drift—Trading Fell Off Heavily—Bond Market

New York, Dec. 15.—Irregularity was the dominant feature of today's stock market. The bullish manipulation of the early part of the week and the realizing for profits which followed seemed to have exhausted the force of the market for the time being, and the professional operators were disposed to allow stocks to drift, perhaps in the expectation of buying them back at lower figures. Trading fell off heavily and the list at frequent intervals bore evidence of absolute apathy. The undertone of the market was heavy during most of the day, though net losses were small. In the latter part of the session, prices crept up slowly. Changes at the close were unimportant.

The market's tendency to heaviness was accentuated by the tactics of a few traders who sold the list in its soft spots. United States Steel was less conspicuous than on recent days and the trading in this stock fell off sharply in volume.

It was under considerable pressure at times and fell two points under the top price of the day before. Foreign trade figures for November showed a slight recession for both imports and exports, falling somewhat below those of last year. The shrinkage in the value of exports was due to the movement in cotton which last month fell more than $20,000,000 below the preceding year. The shrinkage in value of all exports was only $7,000,000, so that there was an actual gain of $15,000,000 in the value of exports other than cotton.

On the "curb" there was heavy trading in American Tobacco issues. The common stock rose to 535, the highest price on record, and then broke 15 points. The stocks of the subsidiary companies also declined sharply. The bond market was irregular, with general movements unusually narrow. Total sales, par value, $3,457,000. United States bonds unchanged on call. Total sales today, 491,100 shares.

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Allis-Chalmers, pfd	6½
Amalgamated Copper	66⅝
American Agricultural	59⅝
American Beet Sugar	55
American Can	10⅝
American Car and Foundry	54¼
American Cotton Oil	44
American Hide and Leather, pfd	21½
American Ice Securities	18
American Linseed	9⅜
American Locomotive	36⅜
American Smelting and Refining	73½
American Smelting and Ref., pfd	102½
American Steel Foundries	33
American Sugar Refining	115
American Tel and Tel	135¾
American Tobacco, pfd	103⅝
American Woolen	25½
Anaconda Mining Co	39½
Atchison	106⅜
Atchison, pfd	103¾
Atlantic Coast Line	133⅜
Baltimore and Ohio	102½
Bethlehem Steel	29¼
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	77
Canadian Pacific	240¼
Central Leather	29⅝
Central Leather, pfd	91¼
Central of New Jersey	320
Chesapeake and Ohio	73⅞
Chicago and Alton	28
Chicago Great Western	19¾
Chicago Great Western, pfd	37⅝
Chicago and North Western	143¾
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	111⅝
C., C. and St. Louis	65
Colorado Fuel and Iron	27½
Colorado and Southern	49
Consolidated Gas	138⅞
Corn Products	10¾
Delaware and Hudson	166
Denver and Rio Grande	21
Denver and Rio Grande, pfd	44
Distillers' Securities	31⅝
Erie	32½
Erie, 1st pfd	53⅛
Erie, 2nd pfd	42½
General Electric	154½
Great Northern, pfd	128⅝
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	35
Illinois Central	141¼
Interborough-Met.	15
Interborough-Met., pfd	48⅛
Inter Harvester	107
Inter-Marine, pfd	17
International Paper	9⅞
International Pump	32½
Iowa Central	16
Kansas City Southern	28⅝
Kansas City Southern, pfd	67
Laclede Gas	104½
Louisville and Nashville	155½
Minneapolis and St. Louis	30⅜
Minn., St. P. and Sault Ste Marie	135⅞
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	29⅜
Missouri, Kansas and Texas, pfd	64½
Missouri Pacific	39¼
National Biscuit	138½
National Lead	53¼
Nat. Rys. of Mexico, 2nd pfd	33⅞
New York Central	106⅞
New York, Ontario and Western	39¼
Norfolk and Western	108¾
North American	72
Northern Pacific	118½
Pacific Mail	31¼
Pennsylvania	122⅝
People's Gas	103¼
Pittsburg, C. C. and St. Louis	96
Pittsburg Coal	17⅝
Pressed Steel Car	33¼
Pullman Palace Car	157
Railway Steel Spring	30⅞
Reading	153⅝
Republic Steel	25
Republic Steel, pfd	83¼
Rock Island Co	25
Rock Island Co., pfd	46⅞
St. Louis and San Fran., 2nd pfd	41
St. Louis Southwestern	31½
St. Louis Southwestern, pfd	71
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	45
Southern Pacific	112⅝
Southern Railway	29⅝
Southern Railway, pfd	71¼
Tennessee Copper	37½
Texas and Pacific	22½
Toledo, St. Louis and Western	14½
Toledo, St. L. and Western, pfd	37
Union Pacific	174⅝
Union Pacific, pfd	92⅜
United States Realty	68½
United States Rubber	47⅝
United States Steel	67⅝
United States Steel, pfd	110⅜
Utah Copper	53¾
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	54⅜
Wabash	7½
Wabash, pfd	16⅜
Western Maryland	61½
Westinghouse Electric	67⅝
Western Union	80
Wheeling and Lake Erie	4⅛

HESTER'S STATEMENT.

Showing of World's Total Visible Supply of Cotton.

New Orleans, Dec. 15.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's supply of cotton issued today shows the total visible to be 5,059,436 against 4,877,743 last week and 4,879,700 last year. American cotton is 4,426,436 against 4,230,743 last week and 3,977,700 last year. Brazil, India, etc., 669,000 against 647,000 last week and 902,000 last year. Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and continental Europe 2,226,000 against 2,487,000 last year; in Egypt 206,000 against 272,000 last year; in India 231,000 against 281,000 last year, and in the United States 2,392,000 against 1,840,000 last year.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, McCabe & Co.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 9.

Spanish—Quiet, at 80c. per bush.

Virginias—Firm. Jumbo, 4c per lb. Fancy hand-picked, 3½ to 3¾c. per lb.; Extra prime, 3½ to 3⅝c. per lb.; Prime, 3c.; Machine picked, 3 to 3¼c. per lb.

MARINE.

Arrived.

Str. City of Fayetteville, Core, Fayetteville, S. M. King.

Str. Navahoe, 1,278 tons, Packer, New York, H. G. Smallbones.

Cleared.

Str. Pentwyn (Br.), 2,165 tons, Motyer, Liverpool, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Exports—Foreign.

Liverpool—Str. str. Pentwyn, 13,652 bales, valued at $680,000; vessel and cargo by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Bengrove (Br.), 2,389 tons, Barber, Helde & Co.

Vizcaina (Br.), McArthur, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Appenine (Br.), 2,306 tons, Evans, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Lovland (Nor.), 1,463 tons, Terjesen, Helde & Co.

Glenmay (Br.), 1,575 tons, Richards, Helde & Co.

Schooners.

Edward R. Baird, Jr., 263 tons, Calhoun, C. D. Mafflitt.

John W. Hall, 329 tons, Bennett, J. S. Williams.

Cranville R. Bacon, 339 tons, Bennett, C. D. Mafflitt.

White Wings, 624 tons, Coombs, C. D. Mafflitt.

Augustus H. Babcock, 1,229 tons, Quinlin, C. D. Mafflitt.

Herbert May, 321 tons, Black, C. D. Mafflitt.

Stephen G. Loud, 40 tons, Hart, C. D. Mafflitt; in distress.

Barges.

Potomac, 778 tons, Fisher, C. D. Mafflitt & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at Port of Wilmington.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 15.

Atlantic Coast Line—4,105 bales cotton; 39 casks spirits turpentine; 23 barrels rosin; 23 barrels tar; 46 barrels crude turpentine.

Seaboard Air Line—1,025 bales cotton.

Str. Alice—6 barrels tar; 28 barrels crude turpentine.

Sharpie Addie May—11 casks spirits turpentine; 77 barrels rosin.

Str. Whitlock—8 casks spirits turpentine; 25 barrels rosin; 11 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—5,130 bales cotton; 78 casks spirits turpentine; 125 barrels rosin; 29 barrels tar; 85 barrels crude turpentine.

Total last year—1,375 bales cotton; 43 casks spirits turpentine; 229 barrels rosin; 325 barrels tar; 50 barrels crude turpentine.

NEW YORK PRODUCE.

New York, Dec. 15.—Flour was firmly held with a fair inquiry.

Rye Flour and Corn Meal—Steady.

Buckwheat Flour—Quiet.

Rye—Steady.

Barley—Quiet.

Wheat—Spot strong; No. 2 red 96 3-4 elevator export basis, and 98 1-2 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth 1.07 3-8 f.o.b. afloat. Options 1-8c net higher. December 87 1-4; May 1.03 1-4.

Corn—Spot firm; export new 70 f.o.b. afloat. Futures nominal.

Oats—Spot firm. Futures nominal.

Pork—Steady.

Beef—Firm.

Cut Meats—Barely steady.

Lard—Firm.

Tallow and Petroleum—Steady.

Wool—Quiet.

Molasses—Steady.

Rice—Firm.

Sugar—Raw quiet.

Coffee—Futures steady at a net decline of 13 to 17 points. Spot—Unsettled; Rio No. 7, 17 1-2; Santos No. 4, 15 5-8. Mild—Quiet; Cordova 16 1-2 to 18 1-2.

Potatoes—Steady.

Cabbages—Firm, unchanged.

Freights and Peanuts—Unchanged.

Butter and Cheese—Firm.

Cotton Seed Oil—Slightly lower for January under local liquidation, but other positions ruled steady on Western buying of March, renewed covering of shorts, and with the strength in hog products and cotton. December closed 3 points higher, January 2 lower, and other months unchanged. January 5.31 to 5.33; February 5.34 to 5.36; March 5.39 to 5.40; April 5.42 to 5.45; prime crude 4.13 sales; prime Summer yellow 5.35 to 5.45; prime Winter yellow 5.50 to 5.65; prime Summer white 5.35 to 5.53.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 15.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady, 48¼ cents.

ROSIN—Steady, $5.05.

TAR—Firm at $1.80 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $3.50 per barrel for hard; $4.50 for dip, and $4.50 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nothing doing; rosin, nothing doing; tar, firm, $2.00; crude turpentine, firm, at $4.50@$6.00.

Receipts:

Spirits Turpentine	78
Rosin	125
Tar	29
Crude Turpentine	85

Receipts same day last year, 43 casks spirits turpentine; 229 barrels rosin; 325 barrels tar; 50 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Quiet, 8⅝.

Same day last year, nothing doing.

Receipts, 5,130 bales; same day last year, 1,375 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 14.)

CORN—Firm; .85 to .87½c. per bu.

PEAS—White, $2.50 per bu.

POTATOES—Irish potatoes, new crop, 80c. per bu.; yams, 60c. per bu.

BEEF—On foot, dull, .03@.04 per lb.

PORK—7c. to 9c.

WOOL—Burry, .11@.12c. per lb.; free of burr, 17 to 18 per lb.

HIDES—Green, .08 to .08½ per lb.; dry, 14 to 15c. per lb.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, old, 20c. per lb.; sides and shoulders, 14c. per lb.

BEESWAX—Firm; .27 per lb.

TALLOW—Firm; .04½@.05 per lb.

POULTRY — Turkeys, 18c. on foot. Chickens, grown, 40 to 45 per head; chickens, spring, 20@40c. per head. Geese, 65 to 70c. per head.

SHEEP—No sales.

EGGS—Fair demand, 24@25 per doz.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 15.—Spot cotton, good business done, prices 8 points higher. American middling fair 5.64; good middling 5.26; middling 5.02; low middling 4.86; good ordinary 4.70; ordinary 4.50. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 1,000 were for speculation and export and included 9,800 American. Receipt 23,000, all American.

Futures opened firm and closed steady. December 4.86 1-2; December and January 4.86; January and February 4.87; February and March 4.88 1-2; March and April 4.89 1-2; April and May 4.92; May and June 4.94; June and July 4.96 1-2; July and August 4.98 1-2; August and September 4.99 1-2; September and October 5.00; October and November 5.01.

Worsted slippers, lamb's wool soles, assorted colors, all sizes women's and misses', only 50c. Excellent Xmas gifts, on sale at Rehder's. **

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

December 16, 1911.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 53 degrees; at 8 P. M., 68 degrees; maximum, 69 degrees; minimum, 52 degrees; mean, 60 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, 1.15 inches; for the month, 1.24 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 3.4 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Rain Saturday; warmer in central portion; Sunday, clearing and colder; moderate southeast and south winds, becoming northwest Sunday.

Port Calendar—Dec. 16.

Sun rises	7:11 A. M.
Sun sets	5:05 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 52 min.
High water at Southport	5:30 P. M.
High water at Wilmington	8:30 P. M.

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

December 15, 1911.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature Highest Today	Temperature Lowest Last Night	24-Hour Precipitation 8 P. M.
Abilene	clear	44	34	.22
Asheville	raining	58	40	.05
Atlanta	cloudy	48	40	.18
Augusta	raining	54	46	1.44
Birmingham	raining	54	50	.60
Boston	raining	40	32	.40
Charleston	cloudy	74	52	.02
Charlotte	raining	46	38	.42
Chicago	clear	42	32	.0
Galveston	clear	50	48	.64
Jacksonville	cloudy	80	68	.0
Memphis	raining	46	40	.74
Mobile	cloudy	70	64	.14
Montgomery	raining	60	54	.24
New Orleans	pt cldy	74	64	.46
New York	cloudy	44	38	.45
Palestine	clear	42	40	.48
Oklahoma	raining	38	32	.22
Pittsburg	raining	48	40	.56
Raleigh	cloudy	48	40	.33
Savannah	cloudy	74	52	.01
Shreveport	cloudy	48	44	1.66
St. Louis	raining	40	34	.0
Washington	cloudy	44	38	.53

TRADE REVIEW.

Betterment in Industrial and Trade Conditions—Holiday Trade.

New York, Dec. 15.—R. G. Dun & Co's. Review of Trade tomorrow will say:

The betterment in industrial and trade conditions, signs of which have been visible to close observers for two months, has now become plain to all and is reflected by the expansion in bank clearings and railroad earnings, the big uplift in the iron and steel trade, the advance in copper, the increased activity, the brisker demand for money, and in the confidence inspired by the record breaking cotton crop of upwards of 15,000,000 bales. There is no disposition to minimize the problems still unsolved, but business men are disposed to move ahead in spite of them and the situation as the year draws to a close is so much more encouraging as to be the year's most conspicuous development. The holiday trade is notably active in all the large cities.

Each week serves to emphasize the pronounced betterment in iron and steel. Operations at mills and furnaces are on an enlarged scale and several plants, now idle, will start again after the close of this month.

FINANCIAL MARKET

New York, Dec. 15.—Money on call steady 3 1-2 to 4 1-4, ruling rate, 4 closing bid 3 1-2, offered at 4 per cent. Time loans firm; sixty days and ninety days 4 1-4 per cent., six months 4 to 4 1-4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 1-4 to 4 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers bills at 4.83 for sixty-day bills and at 4.8635 for demand. Commercial bills 4.82 1-4. Bar silver 55 3-8. Mexican dollars 46.

DRY GOODS MARKET

New York, Dec. 15.—Cotton goods were steadier during the day and the inquiry for lines of staple domestics were better. Trading is still generally quiet with jobbers. The local wool market was more animated during the week. The silk trade reports a slow improvement.

BOOKS IN GOOD SHAPE.

Legislative Auditing Committee Completes Its Work at Raleigh.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 15.—The legislative committee for the examination and comparison of the books and vouchers in the offices of the State treasurer, the State auditor and the State commissioner of insurance, completed its annual inspection today for all three offices and Chairman O. Max Gardner, for the committee, made the statement that they found the books and records in all three departments in most excellent condition and the systems of bookkeeping and general office equipment up-to-date in every respect, and that in addition to the examinations that the committee has just made there was an examination of the departments and the systems used by expert accountants the past two months and that their findings were most satisfactory, showing that the systems used in the work of the clerical forces are all that could be desired. The legislative committee made entries as usual on the books of the State treasurer and the State auditor showing the receipts and disbursements of State funds for the year ending December 1st, 1911. These entries showed general fund receipts for the year $3,911,224, and disbursements $3,665,636, and a balance on hand general fund $102,411. The educational fund shows $111,904 receipts and $6,282 on hand December 1st.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 15.—At the directors' meeting of the Southern League board magnates held here this afternoon New Orleans was formally awarded the pennant of 1911. The charges of making out side contracts made by certain players against the Mobile club also were stricken out and the club exonerated.

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Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chi-ches-ter's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. ASK FOR CHI-CHES-TER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable
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Razors, 1 pair in Morocco Leather Case, $2.50 to $5.00. Gillette and Durham Duplex Razors, in Fancy Cases.

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Prices: 25c., 75c., $1.00, $1.25, $2.00 each. Hamilton Rifles, $1.50, $1.75 and $2.00. Remington Guns and Rifles. "Peters'" Shells. Hunting Coats, Vests and Leggins.

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We will be pleased to have you call.

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CHRISTMAS!

Practical Gifts For Men

To the average man a well balanced selection of Christmas gifts comes as a complete surprise. Fondly his appreciative eye dwells on each other in turn. "What a corking good layout and each the best of its kind."

There lies the secret—give him some practical article that he'll instantly realize as first class. There are rare gift possibilities in the Christmas specials shown below:

Neckwear, in Fancy Boxes; Combination Sets; Mufflers; Silk Handkerchiefs; Linen Initial Handkerchiefs; Kid Gloves, dressed or undressed; Bath Robes in all new designs; Top Shirts, fancy and plain; Hats and Caps for men and children; Boys' Suits; Men's Suits, and Young Men's Suits, the best makes.

Nowhere in the city can be found such varied assortment of useful Christmas Gifts.

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Attention

MURDER IS MURDER

Ex-President Roosevelt Writes in Outlook of McNamara Case

New York, Dec. 15.—Theodore Roosevelt has an editorial article in the current issue of The Outlook relating to the McNamara case, entitled, "Murder is Murder." The article says:

"Not only laboring men, but business men, capitalists, have at times shown the worst form of class consciousness—that of sinister and brutal class selfishness in standing by criminals simply because they were of their own class. This has been done by capitalists in the case of capitalists who have been guilty of brazen corruption, and by laborers in the case of labor leaders who have been guilty of murderous violence. The two offenses stand on a par from the standpoint of damage to the community. In San Francisco in one municipal contest the capitalists who desired to be free from all check on corruption and the labor leaders who desired to be free from all check on lawless violence struck hands and elected their ticket; and this proved in the end to be a lasting misfortune to San Francisco, to the cause of honest business, and to the cause of honest labor.

"Since the startling outcome of the McNamara trial certain apologists of these men have made themselves conspicuous by asserting that these depraved criminals, who have on their seared souls the murder of so many innocent persons—all of them laboring people, by way—are 'victims,' or at worst 'fanatics,' who should receive sympathy because they were acting in what they regarded as a 'war' on behalf of their class! The plea is monstrous in its folly and its wickedness. It is precisely the kind of plea sometimes advanced on behalf of a crooked man of great wealth caught bribing a legislature—that he has to do it to protect his business. We are not here dealing with any of the kinds of offenses incidental to the sudden and sweeping changes brought about by modern industrial conditions into which capitalists or labor men are sometimes drawn without any very great conscious moral turpitude on their part. We are dealing with crimes as old as the law-giving from Sinai, which crimes—murder and theft—that have been prohibited ever since the decalogue was formulated. The murders committed by men like the McNamaras, although nominally in the interest of organized labor, differ not one whit in moral culpability from those committed by the Black Hand, or by any band of mere cutthroats, and are fraught with an infinitely heavier menace to society. Yet, great though the menace is to the community, the menace to the cause of honest organized labor is still greater, and no duty is more imperatively laid on the leaders of labor than the duty of affirmatively freeing themselves of their followers from the taint of responsibility for such criminals and such crimes. The labor leaders who by their loud championship of the McNamaras—as previously of Moyer and Haywood—have succeeded in identifying them with the cause of labor in the eyes of the public, have rendered an evil service to that cause. Mr. Debs and the extremists of his type among the so-called political Socialists—I say so-called because Debs and his followers of the Emma Goldman kind are not Socialists at all in any true sense of the word, but mere inciters to murder and preachers of applied anarchy—and the labor leaders affiliated with them, have always boasted of the part they played in the trial of Moyer and Haywood, and in this case they repeated their familiar tactics, and held mass-meetings, and scattered broadcast papers and addresses in which they furiously denounced the effort to bring wrong-doers to justice, and sought to arouse every evil class instinct against all who upheld the cause of law or sought to put a stop to assassination and murderous violence. It is worth nothing that since McNamara confessed his guilt Mr. Moyer, the head of what purports to be a labor organization, is reported in the press as commenting upon it, not by denouncing McNamara for having committed the murder, but by denouncing him for having confessed it! Such denunciation is significant.

"Murder is murder, and the foolish sentimentalists or sinister wrong-doers who try to apologize for it as an 'incident of labor warfare' are not only morally culpable but are enemies of the American people, and, above all, are enemies of American wage-workers. In honorable contrast to those men stand the various labor leaders who have never asked for more than a fair trial for the McNamaras, whose purpose has only been to get justice, and who now sternly demand that murder shall be punished when committed in the nominal interest of labor precisely as under any other circumstances. I believe with all my heart in the American workingman; I believe with all my heart in organized labor; for labor must be organized in order to protect and secure its rights; and therefore, with all my strength, I urge my fellow citizens, the American men and women who earn their livelihood as wage-workers, to see that their leaders stand for honesty, and obedience to the law, and to set their faces like flint against any effort to identify the cause of organized labor, directly or indirectly, with any movement which in any shape or way benefits by the commission of crimes of lawlessness and murderous violence."

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Mr. Harry Morgan will sing it at The Grand Theatre today. **

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U. S. Rail Co.—Relayers and Rails.
Grossman Bros. Co.—Agents Wanted.
J. G. Wright & Son—Office for Rent.
Wanted—Bookkeeper and Stenographer.
Plummer's—Martha Washington Candles.

CAROLINA WINS.

Debate Last Night With Pennsylvania—Federal Control of Resources.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 15.—Carolina won over Pennsylvania tonight in debate. The Carolina debators were C. R. Wharton and E. P. Barker, and their opponents from the University of Pennsylvania were E. L. Hargett and G. R. Hughes. The question was, Resolved that the forest and mineral lands now in possession of the United States in the several States should be retained by the Federal government, the visitors having the affirmative. The judges were Dr. W. H. Boyd, Prof. D. D. Carroll, Rev. Homer Starr. The decision was not unanimous. This made the last of a series of five debates between the Philomathean Society, of Pennsylvania, and the Dialectic and Philanthropic societies of Carolina. Carolina has won four out of the five, winning in Philadelphia yast year. Mr. Hargett, speaking first, contended that some control over forest and mineral lands was necessary and advocated Federal control over State control, to protect our resources from private greed. His colleague showed in a practical way the waste of allowing unscrupulous monopolies to exhaust our resources. Wharton, for the negative, upheld the individualistic principle of Democratic government while Barker contended that better results would be obtained by teching the individuals to conserve their own property than by an intricate and unwieldy system of Federal ownership.

LEAGUE CLOSES MEETINGS.

National Civil Service Reform—League Adopts Resolutions.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—All persons in the employ of the Federal government guilty of violating the civil service laws should be punished "promptly, impartially and with just severity," was the declaration contained in resolutions adopted at the closing session here this afternoon of the annual convention of the National Civil Service Reform League. The resolutions, among other things, say:

"The league further urges that like penalties be inflicted upon any executive Federal office holder, whether his position be competitive or non-competitive, classified or unclassified, who shall use his office to control political movements, neglect his public duties to engage in politics, or cause scandal by his political activity in violation of the orders of Presidents Cleveland and Roosevelt.

"The league commends the re-establishment by President Taft on December 9th last of the civil service rule requiring that under all circumstances an employe in the competitive class be furnished with the reasons for removal, and allowed an opportunity to reply thereto before he can be removed."

SEVEN MORE BODIES.

Total Numbers 66 Bodies Removed.—Widows and Orphans.

Briceville, Tenn., Dec. 15.—Official investigations in the cause of the disaster in the Cross Mountain coal mine on Saturday last have been inaugurated. The Federal government and the State mining inspection department are making critical examinations of the mine with a view to framing a report as to what caused the disaster.

Dr. J. W. Paul and Dr. J. J. Rutledge, of Pittsburg, and E. H. Groves, of Birmingham, Federal mine experts are making the investigation for the United States bureau of mines.

The State inspection is being made by State Mine Inspector George E. Sylvester and Assistant State Mine Inspector W. D. Richards.

Up to 8 o'clock tonight seven more bodies had been removed from the mine today, six of the number having been taken out early this morning. Three others were located, but have not been identified. These bring the total up to 66 dead and five rescued.

Thus far, according to the records, the explosion has caused 31 widows and rendered 91 children fatherless.

THE WRECKED DELHI.

Sixty Members of Crew Taken Off—Forty Yet Aboard.

Tangier, Dec. 15.—A moderation in the weather late this afternoon permitted the rigging of a second breeches buoy from the steamer Delhi to the land and 60 members of the crew of 100 who had stood by the vessel since she went aground Wednesday, were taken off. All the passengers, except one with a broken leg, previously had been sent ashore. A special tackle is being prepared for the rescue of this man.

The captain and 40 members of the crew of the Delhi still remain on board and when the stormy weather abates will make an effort to save the specie the vessel carries. The condition of the wreck, however, has grown more precarious, as the watertight partitions in the stern have burst. The big breakers are still crashing against the steamer, inundating her cabin and the cargo in the holds.

THE SPENCER SHOPS.

Southern to Enlarge Its Facilities for Work There.

Spencer, N. C., Dec. 15.—President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway Company, is authority for the announcement that the increase in volume of business handled at Spencer is such as to make necessary important improvements at this place, including the immediate construction of an oil house, wash and locker rooms, new cinder pits, a new coaling plant and the construction of new and enlarged stock pens. In connection with these improvements grading will be done for the erection of a new house and a 27-stall roundhouse. These improvements mean much for Spencer in that the Southern Railway will greatly enlarge its entire plant here. The payroll at this point is now considered the largest on the system, no less than $165,000 being required here for the pay checks to be delivered on the 20th of each month.

Solid gold cuff links, scarf pins and tie clasp. Lockets and neck chains are some of my leaders. J. T. Burke, the Jeweler, No. 27 South Front street de 3-tf.

Beautiful Taffeta and Massaline Silk Skirts for $2.50, $2.75 and $3.00. C. H. Fore & Co. **

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A LARGE LITIGATION.

American Warehouse Company Placed in Hands of Receiver.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 15.—Litigation involving more than $2,000,000 was precipitated in the State court today when the American Warehouse Company, of Spray, a corporation modeled after the plan of the American Tobacco Company, was placed in the hands of a receiver by Judge Oliver Hallen. The court named J. L. Clement as temporary receiver and gave the defendant corporation until January 2nd to show cause why the receivership should not be made permanent.

The complaint filed by creditors alleges that because of a factional war between stockholders of the corporation, headed on one side by Marshal Field & Company, of Chicago, and on the other by J. Pierpont Morgan and the Duke interests, the solvency of the corporation jeopardizes the interests of creditors. The Marshall Field Company are creditors to the extent of $415,000, with an additional investment of $1,500,000. The unsecured indebtedness is said to be about $300,000. The American Warehouse Company is besides a finishing plant, a holding company for a group of cotton mill plants in this State, and its stockholders and incorporators include Marshall Field & Company, J. P. Morgan, J. B. and B. N. Duke, Robert C. Ogden, Garrison Oswalk, Villard and B. Frank Mebane.

KNIGHT NOT GUILTY.

Was Charged With Fraudulent Use of the Mails.

Huntsville, Ala., Dec. 15.—The jury trying John W. Knight charged with fraudulent use of the mails in connection with forged cotton bills of lading in which it is claimed foreign cotton dealers were defrauded of $6,000,000, tonight reported a verdict of "not guilty."

The jury was out seven hours and 40 minutes.

Knight kept his nerve throughout the afternoon. A few minutes after 9 o'clock the jury sent word that a verdict had been reached. Judge Grubbs was notified and had the jury called down immediately.

Clerk Greenleaf read the verdict: "We, the jury, find the defendant not guilty."

Mrs. Knight, wife of the defendant, gave way to her feelings for the first time during the nine-day ordeal and sank to her chair weeping. She arose after a moment, however, and walked over to the jurymen, shaking hands with each one, and warmly thanking them. Mrs. Knight's mother also was present.

The Federal court has adjourned and four other cases against Knight, making practically the same charge as the one of which he was just acquitted, were continued to the April term.

Why is Sugar Sweet?
If sugar did not dissolve in the mouth you could not taste the sweet. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic, but you do not taste the bitter because the ingredients do not dissolve in the mouth but do dissolve in the acids of the stomach. Is just as good for Grown People as for children. The First and Original Tasteless Chill Tonic The Standard for 20 years. 50.

Jewel boxes, novelty hats, pin holders, velvet hand bags, fancy neckwear at Rehder's. **

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MOB VIOLENCE FEARED

Negroes Who Entered Lady's Bedroom Hurried to Baton Rouge

Mansfield, La., Dec. 15.—Fearing violence to two young negroes who confessed to entering the bedroom of a young woman of this town some days ago, officers brought theme before a special session of court at 2 o'clock yesterday morning.

Both were sentenced to serve 20 years each in the penitentiary and were hurried to Baton Rouge on a delayed train.

Bestyett rain capes, navy and garnet, ages 6 to 16, $3.75. Cheaper rain capes $1.48 and $2.75 at Rehder's. **

BUSINESS LOCALS

WANTED—Man to take charge and run fish cart. One familiar with fish business preferred. Apply store, corner 5th and Campbell. Bryan. de16-1t*

MARTHA WASHINGTON candies; fresh by express today. Sweet cream and fresh ground cocoanut on short notice. Plummer's. 'Phone 680. de16-1t

FOR SALE—Cotton gin, crate box and basket factory, all running and doing fine business. No opposition; owner obliged to go North; big bargain. C. H. Laper, Rocky Point, N. C. de16-2t*

QUAIL! QUAIL! QUAIL!—Quail, Turkeys, turkeys, turkeys, turkeys; chickens, chickens, chickens, chickens; fish roe, fish roe, fish roe, fish roe; liver pudding and fresh pork sausage; fresh pork, beef and lamb. Fancy celery, lettuce and spinach. Orders for Xmas turkeys solicited now. Palace Market Co., 'Phone 72. de16-tf

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FOR SALE—The elegant home of Mr. W. R. Sullivan, on Market street, between 17th and 18th, Carolina Heights. Lot 80 feet wide, 165 deep, with alley in the rear. Modern, complete, new; one of the best residences that can be bought, at any price. J. G. Wright & Son will be glad to show you the property and give you the particulars. de16-2t

WANTED—January 1st, competent lady to take charge of Dry Goods department of uptown store. One who understands typewriter and shorthand preferred; reference. "Dry Goods," care Star. de16-12t

56-60 LBS. RELAYERS with splices for sale cheap. Also manufacturers 8 to 40-lb. light steel rails. U. S. Rail Co., Cumberland, Md. de16-sa6t

AGENTS WANTED—Ladies, gentlemen, boys and girls invited to sell our patented "Matchless Lighter" to their friends and relatives. Nice Christmas gifts. This great new invention makes the match absolutely superfluous. Everybody will buy these lighters. Big profits to agents. A hustler can easily make a net profit of $30 to $40 a week. Our representative will demonstrate these lighters daily from 12 to 2 and 8 to 9 P. M., Carroll Bldg., Fourth floor, room 31. Go and see him or write to Grossman Bros. Co., Wilmington, N. C. de16-3t*

FOR SALE—Two extra good mules; will work anywhere, double or single. Weigh ten fifty and eleven hundred. Good condition. Yellow Pine Lumber Co., Folkstone, N. C. de16-2t

NOTICE—If you want to make your wife or husband smile Xmas morning, stop by D. L. T. Capps Plumbing Co.'s, No. 130 Market street, and buy a present that will please any wife or husband. D. L. T. Capps Plumbing Co., J. B. Griffith, Mgr. de15-tf

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BUSINESS CHANCE — An exceptional chance is offered active party or parties with some energy and $1,000 to invest, to get a strictly respectable, permanent cash business that's easily managed, free from competition and get rich quick schemes, where with ordinary labor from $3,000 to $5,000 should be cleared yearly. Owner of this business invites the closest investigation in every way. Full particulars will be given at personal interview only, which can be had by addressing "Profitable," care of Star. de13-6t*

FOR SALE OR RENT—7-acre farm near city, with 5-room house. Large barn; also one mule, 2 horses, 2 carts, 1 wagon and farming implements. Address "Farm," care Star de12-6t*

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FOR SALE—We have several nice lots on the shell road near Winter Park across the road from the race track, 70x210. These lots are well drained. Price and terms, right. See us or 'phone us, 771. Hanover Realty Company, Sole Agents, 207 North Front street. de9-tf

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BARGAINS in trunks, hand bags and suit cases. Uncle Charles, 15 South Front street. de7-tf

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FOR SALE—3 6-room houses corner 2nd and Queen streets. This property must be sold right away. We have a nice pieece of property on North Front street; will make plenty of money; call at our office, 207 North Front street, and let us tell you about it. If you have any property for sale, see us. We have several parties that want to buy city property. We also have a customer that wants to buy a nice home on some good street. Must be in a nice neighborhood. Hanover Realty Company, 207 North Front street. de8-tf

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Pajamas..... from 75c. to $2.50
Bath Robes..... from $4.50 to $6.00
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